

OXFORD OBSERVER.

"LOVE ALL, DO WRONG TO NONE, BE CHECK'D FOR SILENCE BUT NEVER TAX'D FOR SPEECH.".....SHAKESPEARE.

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THE REFLECTOR.

THE KILLAGE PREACHER.

"FATHER, FORGIVE THEM."

Go, proud infidel—search the ponderous tomes of heathen learning—Explore the works of Confucius; examine the precepts of Seneca, and the writings of Socrates: Collected all the excellencies of the ancient and the modern moralists, and point to a sentence equal to this simple prayer of our Saviour reviled and insulted—suffering the grossest indignities—crowned with thorns, and led away to die! no annihilating curse breaks from his tortured breast. Sweet and placid as the aspirations of a mother for her nursing, ascends the prayer of mercy on his enemies, "Father, forgive them." O, it was worthy of its origin, and stamps with the bright seal of truth that his mission was from Heaven!

Acquaintances, have you quarrelled?—Friends, have you differed? If he, who was pure and perfect, forgave his bitterest enemies, do you well to cherish your anger?

Brothers, to you the precept is imperative; you shall forgive—not seven times, but seventy times seven.

Husbands and wives, you have no right to expect perfection in each other. To err is the lot of humanity. Illness will sometimes render you petulant, and disappointment ruffle the smoothest temper. Guard, I beseech you, with unremitting vigilance, your passions; controlled, they are the genial heat that warms us along the way of life—ungoverned, they are consuming fires. Let your strife be one of respectful attentions, and conciliatory conduct. Cultivate with care the kind and gentle affections of the heart. Plant not, but eradicate the thorns that grow in your partner's path.—Above all, let no feeling of revenge ever find harbour in your breast: Let the sun never go down upon your anger. A kind word—an obliging action—if it be in a trifling concern, has a power superior to the harp of David in calming the billows of the soul.

Revenge is as incompatible with happiness as it is hostile to religion. Let him whose heart is black with malice and studious of revenge, walk through the fields while clad in verdure, and adorned with flowers: to his eye there is no beauty; the flowers to him exhale no fragrance. Dark as his soul, nature is robbed in deepest sable. The smile of beauty lights not up his bosom with joy; but the furies of hell rage in his breast, and render him as miserable as he would wish the object of his hate.

But let him lay his hand upon his heart and say—"Revenge, I cast thee from me—Father, forgive me as I forgive my enemies," and nature assumes a new and delightful garb. Then, indeed, are the meads verdant and the flowers fragrant—then is the music of the groves delightful to the ear, and the smile of virtuous beauty lovely to his soul.

COMPLAINING. Superficial religionists should be aware of the great difference between complaining of themselves, and real humility. The one is the repentance of the tongue, and the other of the heart. We cannot indeed say, that there is no sincerity where there is some ostentation; but we may confidently affirm, that ostentation is no part of sincerity. Some people are always condemning themselves; always complaining of their wicked hearts; and this is their religion. The answer of Whitefield to such a person, on a certain occasion, was admirable. A man, reputedly very pious, perhaps really so, was once complaining to him of his own heart. His language was: "What a sinner I am—how little do I profit under preaching—at what a distance do I live from God!" Whitefield heard him for a while, and then replied:—"My dear Sir, do you really believe all this? for if you really do, you had much better confess it to God, than display it to me."

Christian Spectator.

The following incident in the life of the late Col. John McKinstry is taken from the *Hudson Whig*, and, as that paper observes, is too remarkable to be passed slightly over:—

At the battle of the Cedars, (thirty miles above Montreal, on the St. Lawrence,) Col. J. McKinstry, then a Captain in Col. Patterson's regiment of continental troops, was twice wounded and taken prisoner by the Indians. The intrepidity of Captain McKinstry as a partisan officer, had rendered him alike the object of their fears and of their unforgiving resentment. The British officers were too much in dread of their savage allies, on account of their vast superiority of numbers, to risk an interposition of their authority to prevent the horrid sacrifice they saw preparing. Hope had fled, and in the agony of despair he had uttered that mystic appeal which the brotherhood of Masons never disregard, when, as if Heaven had interposed for his preservation, the Warrior Brandt understood him and saved him. Brandt had been educated in Europe, and had there been initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry.—The advantages of education and his native strength of mind, gave him an ascendancy over the uncultured sons of the forest that few other chiefs possessed. Situated as he was, the impending danger of a brother must have forcibly brought to mind his obligation to support him in the time of peril. His utmost endeavors were

accordingly used, and they were happily successful in obtaining for him an immediate reprieve, and an eventual ransom. HIRAM.

THE TRAVELLER.

FROM THE NEW-YORK STATESMAN.

CARTER'S LETTERS FROM EUROPE.

London, 15th August, 1825.

I have not yet done with Westminster Abbey. Around the Choir of the Church, hung with the banners of those who have been knighted during the present reign, amounting to a hundred or more; there is a succession of small, ancient chapels, filled with curious monuments, and royal families lying in state. The principal of these is denominated the Chapel of Henry the VIIIth, by whom it was built for himself and family. He ordained, that none but those of Royal blood should be admitted into the sacred cemetery. Even the living are not permitted to visit this and the neighbouring parts of the Abbey, unaccompanied by a guide, who hurries the visitant from one group to another, in such rapid succession as to afford no time for examination, and to produce a chaos of ideas. This rigid prohibition has been adopted, in consequence of the mutilations which have been committed by visitants. Mary, Queen of Scots, who sleeps in white marble beneath a splendid canopy has lost nearly all her fingers. Some of the monuments have been treated still worse. In that to the memory of Major Andre, the relief statues of Washington and Putnam have been beheaded. Many of the kings are in bronze, and sometimes an eye, or the nose, is scraped bright, shamefully disfiguring the countenance. I endeavored to obtain of the keeper a dispensation of the rule in my favour, with assurances that no depredations would be committed; but he was inexorable, and after paying two shillings for walking twice round the circuit, I was compelled to leave the royal groups to their repose, with but a slight knowledge of the monumental honours, which adorn their tombs. This circumstance was the more regretted, since the interdicted apartments contain a bust of Lord Mansfield, seated upon an elevated tribunal, holding a volume of law in one hand, and the steel-yards of justice, in the other; as also a pretty allegorical group, in memory of Charles James Fox. The loss of a nearer inspection of full length likenesses of Nelson, Chatham, Queen Elizabeth, and other distinguished personages, in wax, was not so severely felt; for it appeared to me that such figures were much more suitable for a six-penny museum, than for the cloisters of Westminster Abbey.

At the close of our second visit to this place, we went to Westminster Hall, the House of Commons, and the House of Lords, all in the same pile of buildings, on the other side of the street, opposite to the Poets' Corner. The Hall is spacious, with an arched ceiling, said to be the largest in Europe, unsupported by beams. Its effect on the eye is entirely destroyed by the temporary shanties, or offices of unpainted boards, erected at one end, and along the walls. Mr. Simpson can furnish at the Park Theatre a more splendid and suitable room, for the Coronation feast, than Westminster Hall now affords. Our guide pointed out the places where, his majesty sat, the champions rode, and other scenes of the regal ceremony. His particularity however afforded us little gratification.

The House of Commons is a small, plain, insignificant room, in which one of our state legislatures would hardly deign to convene. Its floor and side galleries are both appropriated to the members, and will not then accommodate the whole number. In front of the speaker's chair, which resembles a watchman's box, there is a dark, contracted gallery for spectators. The ranges of benches are covered with green, and the table for the clerks blocks up the area in front of the Speaker. Some of the seats of the great men of the day were designated by the guide. When a question is taken, one side or the other, (the opposition always occupying the left of the Speaker,) is ordered into the Lobby, a dark narrow recess which would not accommodate one half of the members of that body, who usually assemble at Albany. Its entrance is stained with the blood of Percival, who was shot by an assassin several years since.

The House of Lords is but little superior in its dimensions to the House of Commons. It is, however, finished and furnished in better style. The wool-sacks, resembling bales of cotton, covered with red cloth, and tied at the corners with cords of yellow silk, give the room a novel appearance. They form an easy seat; and to render his position less tiresome, the Lord Chancellor has caused a temporary rest for his back to be erected. It must be a curious spectacle to see high dignitaries, in their wigs, mounted upon these bags. In front is the throne secured from any seat but his majesty's by a brass railing. The coronation chair, in Westminster Abbey, is less guarded, and a republican may sit down and rest in it if he chooses. A sight of the throne inspired us with as little awe as the sceptre. It is a pretty canopy, some ten or twelve feet high, supported by pillars in front, highly gilt, and hung with crimson tapestry, heavy with ornaments of gold. The good lady requested us to feel the weight of its folds,

and uncovered the chair for our inspection. His majesty has never occupied it but on one occasion. The seat of his unfortunate queen, when she was a criminal at the bar of the house, was pointed out to us, as also the obscure door by which she approached, day after day, during her trial.

The exterior of these buildings is even less striking than the inside. They are surrounded by others of equal height, and although they stand upon the immediate bank of the Thames, no part of them is visible from the water, except a small turret upon the House of Lords; and the Gothic gable end of the House of Commons. An English audience would be surprised at the magnificence of the legislative halls at Washington.

On Sunday, we went to church at White Hall Chapel, where the Duke of York and his royal guards attend. It is in the vicinity of the military and naval offices. A splendid canopy is erected in the gallery for his Grace, who was at Brighton, and we therefore did not see him. It cost us a shilling each for a seat, and more than a shilling's worth of patience to listen to a dull discourse, delivered in a monotonous, sing-song tone. Among the flags which adorn the walls of this church, as trophies, it was a little amusing to find two in a conspicuous place, directly in front of the Duke of York's canopy, under the label of "New-Orleans," printed in capitals. One of them bore the image of the eagle, and the device of the other could not be distinctly seen. They are said to have been taken in a skirmish on the right bank of the Mississippi; but one would suppose the name would not revive very pleasant associations in the breast of his Grace, or of the British nation. There is also an American flag, taken at Fort Niagara; another, at Queenston; and several, at Detroit—all well assorted, and pompously displayed under their respective labels.

Since our arrival, we have been the rounds of the theatres and other public amusements now open, embracing the Italian Opera, English Opera, Haymarket, Astley's Amphitheatre, and Vauxhall Garden. At the first of these, the house, the scenery, dresses, and audience are splendid; but much cannot be said in favour of the performances. We heard the celebrated Velluti sing, in a most unmanly voice, and saw scores of Italian girls dance, with gesticulations which can afford no amusement to persons of taste and delicacy. They however received rounds of applause. The five tiers of boxes, elegantly hung with crimson tapestry, were well filled with fashionable people, and the pit was crowded with ladies and gentlemen. No person is allowed to go in boots, or in any other than a white cravat. The whole play was performed in the Italian language, and nine tenths of the audience were probably just as ignorant of the plot and sentiment, if it possessed either, when they left as when they entered. I could not but think how keenly Addison, and Johnson, and Garrick, would have lashed the prevailing taste of the age, and the degradation of the stage, could they have been present, to listen to the effeminate tones of Italian eunuchs and witness the waltzes of Neapolitan girls.

The English Opera is little more than a version of the Italian, all the absurdities and frivolities of the latter being translated into the former. Nonsense in plain English is, if possible, more ridiculous, than when veiled in a language not understood: "Vox et preterea nihil"—full of sound and fury, signifying nothing. We saw Braham and Miss Paton. The musical talents of the former have been overrated, or he was not in voice. Miss Paton is a fine looking woman, but is wanting in animation. She is, however, accounted "a star," and her performances go off with eclat.

Haymarket is a small, neat theatre, opposite the Italian Opera House. The company possess more talent than any one we have seen since landing. Liston's comic humour is admirable. In the character of the landlord, in the new piece of "Quite Correct," which possesses great merit, save that it is a little too broad, he keeps the house in a roar. Madame Vestris is pretty, and has an air of sprightliness. She is a great favourite; but her reputation perhaps is not unlike that of Miss Foote.

Our observation thus far has not given us a very exalted opinion of the English stage. Due allowance should be made, however, for the unfavourable season of the year. Every body is said to be out of town, although there seems to be enough yet left. Drury Lane and Covent Garden, the two principal theatres, are closed. Their companies are said to be good, and our first impressions may hereafter be corrected.

Astley's Amphitheatre is half dramatic—half circus; or, as the Kentucks say, "half horse, half alligator." It is a handsome, convenient building, near Westminster Bridge. "The Burning of Moscow"—the show for the night—is a grand spectacle. Napoleon is not so much of a caricature, as it might be supposed John Bull would make him. Parts of his character are just, and go off with applause. The feats in horsemanship are nothing extraordinary. Hunter surpasses them. A modern Hercules, passing under the name of "Alcides" gave exhibitions of his strength, and performed some of the labours of his ancestor.

We were at Vauxhall Garden on his Majesty's birth-night, when a great gala was given.

"The King, our patron's natal day," blazed in capitals, composed of coloured lamps, over one of the principal walks. I forget how many hundred thousand lights were fancifully displayed among the trees, and how many alcoves and grots they disclosed to the admiring gaze of the spectator. Eagles spouted water, and dragons, fire, in a shower of which "a young American," who was said to be old Mr. Blackmore, ascended by dint of a tight rope. All London was out on the occasion. Much more order was observed, than could have been expected in such a promiscuous throng. The grounds of Vauxhall, upon the right bank of the Thames, above Westminster Hall, are beautiful, being laid out with taste, adorned with trees, and forming an agreeable promenade.

I had intended to add to this hasty sketch of London, an account of our visit to the extensive works of Mr. Perkins, where we saw his improved steam-engine in full and successful operation; his model for propelling boats by skulking paddles in the stern; his steam-guns; and his machinery for striking bank notes. But my letter has already been too much extended; and those, with many other topics, must be deferred till our return to the metropolis from the north.

FROM THE LONDON LITERARY GAZETTE.

GERMAN POPULAR STORY.

There was once a little maid named Grettel: she wore shoes with red heels, and when she went abroad she turned out her toes, and was very merry, and thought to herself, "What a pretty girl I am!" And when she came home, to put herself in good spirits, she would tipple down a drop or two of wine; and as wine gives a relish for eating, she would take a taste of every thing when she was cooking, saying, "A cook ought to know whether a thing tastes well." It happened one day that her master said, "Grettel, this evening I have a friend coming to sup with me; get two fine fowls ready." "Very well, sir," said Grettel. Then she killed the fowls, plucked, and trussed them, put them on the spit, and, when evening came, put them to the fire to roast. The fowls turned round and round, and soon began to look nice and brown; but the guest did not come. Then Grettel cried out, "Master, if the guest does not come, I must take up the fowls; but it will be a shame and a pity if they are not eaten while they are hot and good." "Well," said her master, "I'll run and tell him to come." As soon as he had turned his back, Grettel stopped the spit, and laid it with the fowls upon it on one side, and thought to herself, "Standing by the fire makes one very tired and thirsty; who knows how long they will be? Meanwhile, I will just step into the cellar and take a drop." So off she ran, put down her pitcher, and said, "Your health, Grettel," and took a good draught. "This wine is a good friend," said she to herself; "it breaks one's heart to leave it." Then up she trotted, put the fowls down to the fire, spread some butter over them, and turned the spit merrily round again.

The fowls soon smelt so good, that she thought to herself, "they are very good, but they may want something still; I had better taste them, and see." So she licked her fingers, and said, "O! how good! what a shame and a pity that they are not eaten!" Away she ran to the window, to see if her master and his friend were coming; but nobody was in sight; so she turned to the fowls again, and it would be better for her to eat a wing than that it should be burnt. So she cut one wing off, and ate it, and it tasted very well; and as the other was quite done enough, she thought it had better be cut off too, or else her master would see that one was wanting. When the two wings were gone, she went again to look out for her master, but could not see him. "Ah!" thought she to herself, "who knows whether they will come at all? very likely they have turned into some tavern: O Grettel! Grettel! make yourself happy, take another draught, and eat the rest of the fowl; it looks so oddly as it is; when you have eaten all, you will be easy; why should such good things be wasted?" So she ran once more to the cellar, took another drink, and ate up the rest of the fowl with the greatest glee.

Still her master did not come, and she cast a lingering eye upon the other fowl, and said, "Where the other went, this had better go too; they belong to each other; they who have a right to one must have a right to the other; but if I were to take another draught first, it would not hurt me." So she tipped down another drop of wine, and sent the second fowl to look after the first. While she was making an end of this famous meal, her master came home, and called out, "now quick, Grettel, my friend is just at hand!" "Yes, master, I will dish up this minute," said she. In the mean time he looked to see if the cloth was laid, and took up the carving-knife to sharpen it. Whilst this was going on, the guest came and knocked softly at the house door; then Grettel ran to see who was there, and when she saw him, she put her finger upon her lips, and said, "hush! hush! run away as fast as you can; for if my master catches you, it will be worse for you; he owes you a grudge, and asked you to supper only that he might cut off your ears; only listen how he is sharpening his knife." The guest listened, and when he heard the knife, he made as

ORIGINAL POETRY.

FOR THE OBSERVER.

CALOMEL.

Physicians of the highest rank,
(To pay their fees we need a hank.)
Combine all wisdom, art and skill,
Science and sense, in Calomel.

Howe'er their patients may complain,
Of head, or heart, or nerve, or vein,
Of fever high, or parch, or swell,
The remedy is Calomel.

When Mr. A. or B. is sick—
"Go, fetch the doctor, and be quick!"
The doctor comes with much good will,
But ne'er forgets his Calomel.

He takes his patient by the hand,
And compliments him as a friend;
He sits awhile his pulse to feel,
And then takes out his Calomel.

He then turns to the patient's wife—
"Have you clean paper, spoon and knife?"
I think your husband might do well
To take a dose of Calomel."

He then deals out the precious grains—
"This, Ma'am, I'm sure will ease his pains;
Once in three hours, at sound of bell,
Give him a dose of Calomel."

He leaves his patient in her care,
And bids "good-bye" with graceful air;
In hopes bad humours to expel,
She freely gives the Calomel.

The man grows worse quite fast indeed—
"Go, call for counsel—ride with speed!"
The counsel comes, like post with mail,
Doubling the dose of Calomel.

The man in death begins to groan—
The fatal job for him is done;
His soul is wing'd for heaven or hell—
A sacrifice to Calomel.

Physicians of my former choice,
Receive my counsel and advice;
Be not offended though I tell
The dire effects of Calomel.

And when I must resign my breath,
Pray, let me die a natural death,
And bid you all a long farewell,
Without one dose of Calomel.

J. B.

FOR THE OBSERVER.

LOST FRIENDSHIP.

I have been welcom'd like a friend
To joy that's passing by,
And I've been rudely spurn'd away
And knew no reason why.

Perhaps they're of a war'ring mind,
Forgetting I could sigh;
But sure, if they'd a heart of stone,
They'd shew some reason why.

At Friendship truly was my aim,
'Twas Friendship's strongest tie;
Did I offend? but name in what,
I'll give a reason why.

Perhaps some falsehood-dealing wretch
Has palm'd on them a lie;
But justice says, "have him expos'd,"
And shew a reason why.

"For I've seen innocence abus'd
By envy's poisoning eye;
And I've seen virtue spurn'd away
And knew the reason why."

CORINNA.

THE REFLECTOR.

"It is appointed unto all Men once to die."

Thus speaketh the Almighty whose Fiat produced this beautiful world with all its glories. The voice divine is, "Dust thou art and unto dust thou shalt return." And no earthly power can alter the sentence gone out against our fallen race, or wage a successful war with the Hoary Monster, whose heavy tread shaketh down the sturdy monarchs of the everlasting hills, and withers the prettiest blossoms that grow in nature's velvet bosom. Sometimes he rides furiously on his blood-stained chariot over heaps of slain, rioting amid the spoils of suffering humanity, and like the detested Nero basking in the flames of the funeral pyres which his own hands had fired. As he passes along on his exterminating work, the flowers of Spring wither, the beauty of summer passes away, and the plenty of Autumn wishes forever. Consternation taketh hold on all ranks and degrees of men. The tender mother presses nearer to her bosom the dear idol of her affections and love, imprinting another and a warmer kiss upon its pure lips, trembling for its safety and fearful of a separation. The arms of the fond wife, like the tender ivy that clingeth around the venerable oak, grow closer to her mate, and every tie that binds man below, seems to adhere with an unwonted tenacity of feeling and strength. What the anguish and grief of the first mother must have been, when the cold, white death strode over her darling son in gloomy triumph, the Bible says not; probably no language could have done justice to the tide of sorrow that then burst from her smitten heart. His was the first lived corpse that mingled with the clouds of the valley—the first spoils won from the rosy fingers of lovely hope. And O, what a havoc has since been made among her miserable offspring! truly this planet may well be linked to a Golgotha. What a strange country we sojourn in, peopled by innumerable generations, whose images and deeds have long since passed away, but whose ashes remain, some ingloriously huddled together without a single memento remaining to point out their place of rest. How unfeelingly we tread on their dust nor pause to inquire whence are we, and whither are we going.

We have warnings on every hand, and none of us are strangers to sorrow, and if it comes not home to our own hearts, we see its effects continually before our eyes. The sound of death rings in our ears frequently, and around us fall almost daily, the friend, the brother of our heart, the companion, the neighbour, the

very one perhaps with whom we used to take sweet counsel. We live too in sight of the cold memorials of mortality, as they rise up in the crowded church-yard, the silent, though eloquent monitors, whose very looks speak volumes. The weeds of mourning bear their part in reminding us of the darkness of the tomb, and of the much neglected truth, that after we have played our parts in the great Drama of life, it will come to our turn to be shuffled off to make room for others.—*Dover Gazette.*

THE OLIO.

THE MISER'S PRAYER. O Lord, thou knowest I have nine houses and stores in State-street, Cornhill, and Long-wharf; and likewise a small farm in Cambridge. Lord, I beseech thee to save State-street, Cornhill and Long-wharf from fire, and the county of Middlesex from earthquakes; and as I have a mortgage in Essex, I beg of thee to have compassion on that county; and, Lord, for the rest of the streets, wharves and counties, thou mayest deal with them as thou art pleased. O Lord! enable the banks to answer all their bills; lessen the number of bankrupts amongst those who owe me, and make all my debtors good men. Give prosperous voyages to the Industry, Mermaid, and indeed, all the vessels which I have insured; and, Lord, thou hast said that the days of the wicked are but short. I trust in thee, O Lord, that thou wilt not forget thy promise, having lately purchased several estates in reversion of profligate young men. Lord, preserve peace in Europe, that the American stocks may still keep rising; and, if it be thy will, let there be no sinking funds. Keep my son Caleb out of evil company and gaming houses; and sanctify, O Lord, this night to me, by preserving me from thieves and fire, and make my servants honest and careful, whilst I, thy faithful servant, lie down in thee, O Lord. Amen! *Boston paper.*

[This beats our —'s prayer.]

A Clergyman, some time since adopted the following text, "Wilt thou go up with me to battle at Ramoth Gilead?" The peculiar emphasis with which the question was twice repeated, induced a brave soldier to suppose it a reality, and he very cordially answered, "Why, gentlemen, if you are all cowards, I'll go for one."

ANECDOTE OF BONAPARTE. One day, Bonaparte seeing near his person one of those beings who know not a posture sufficiently humble by which they suppose they can obtain some favours, said to those who surrounded him, "I know not how it happens, that, in order to understand this man, who is eight inches taller than myself, I am obliged to stoop every time I speak to him."

Two Irishmen agreed to wrestle. It seems by the sequel that one of them expected to proceed Irish fashion, viz.—with one hand at the shoulder and the other at the waistband. But when they were about to take hold, one of the paddies clenched his antagonist at close hug, and down with him. He that was flung got up affronted, and says—"Why did you not *prossade* according to rule?" "Rule! my dear honey," replied the other, "what signifies going that roundabout way to work, when I can throw you fast enough without?"

Judge Brackenridge in reprimanding a criminal among other hard names, called him a scoundrel. The prisoner replied, Sir, "I am not so great a scoundrel as your Honour—takes me to be." "Put your words closer together," replied the Judge.

An Irish Officer of Dragoons on hearing that his mother had been married since he quitted Ireland, exclaimed, "By J—, I hope she won't have a son older than me, for if she does I shall loose the estate."

NOTICE.

THE subscriber having contracted with the Town of Mexico, for the support of **ADRON MOOR** the present year, a Pauper of said town, hereby forbids all persons harbouring or trusting him on his account. **WALTER P. CARPENTER.**
Mexico, April 15, 1826. 95

WANTED IMMEDIATELY.

AS an Apprentice to the Carding and Clothing Business, a bright and active LAD, from 16 to 19 years of age, to whom good encouragement will be given by **WILLIAM WALCOTT.**
Rumford, April 20. 95

COLLECTOR'S NOTICE.....Waterford.

NOTICE is hereby given to the Owners and Proprietors of the following lots and parts of lots of Land in the town of Waterford, in the County of Oxford, and State of Maine, that said lots and parts of lots are taxed to non-resident Proprietors of lands in said Waterford, in the bills committed to me the subscriber, Collector of Taxes for said town of Waterford, for the year 1825—State, County and Town Tax, and deficiencies of Highway Tax for the year 1824, to collect, in the respective sums following, viz:

Proprietors.	No. of Lots.	Range.	Acres.	Value.	S. C. & P. Tax.	County Tax.	Town Tax.	Total.
Unknown,	11	12	160	\$61	1.34	1.39	2.73	
Do,	11	11	160	64	1.34	1.39	2.73	
Do,	6	11	160	25	0.53	0.55	1.08	
Do,	12	1	160	23	0.48	0.51	0.99	
Do, N. part,	12	5	60	37	0.77	0.83	1.60	
Do,	4	8	160	1	27	2.66	2.78	5.42
Do,	12	9	160	98	2.05		2.05	
Do, N. part,	8	11	60	67	1.40	1.45	2.85	
Do,	12	11	160	67	1.40	1.45	2.85	

Now, unless said taxes and all necessary intervening charges are paid to me the subscriber, on or before Monday the *Thirtieth* day of July next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, so much of said lands will be sold at Public Vendue, at the Store of D. & L. Brown, in said Waterford, as will be necessary to discharge the same. **OLIVER HALE, Jr.**
Collector of Waterford. 95
Waterford, March 31, 1826.

JUST RECEIVED and for sale at the Oxford Bookstore.

Anderson's celebrated Drops, for the cure of Coughs and Consumptions;
Brown's Drops for Fits—a most valuable medicine;
Doct. Relf's Botanical Drops;
Doct. La Grange's Ointment for the cure of the Salt Rheum;
Lee's Pills;—Dean's Rheumatic Pills;
Ich Ointment, warranted genuine;
Spice Bitters;—British Oil;—Thompson's celebrated Eye Water;—Opodeldoc, &c. &c.
May 4.

MAINE TOWN OFFICER—2d edition.
FOR SALE at the Oxford Bookstore. Every person who is concerned in town business ought to have a copy of this work.
May 11.

PARIS HOTEL.

THE subscriber respectfully informs his Friends and the Public, that he has opened a **HOTEL** on *Paris Hill*, in the House recently occupied by Mr. SIMON NORRIS, and solicits a share of public patronage. He flatters himself that by his unremitting exertions and attention to make the stay of gentlemen pleasant and agreeable. His Bar will be furnished at all times with the best of LIQUORS—and his Table spread with every thing which can reasonably be expected in the country. **AMOS FULLER.**
Paris, May 3, 1826.

N. B.—His Stable has good accommodations for HORSES, where they will receive the best care and attention. 96

FOR SALE.

A FARM, situated in the lower part of Bethel, containing 100 Acres of Land—of which about 35 is under improvement, with a Small House and Shed adjoining—a good Barn and two Wells of water, one at the House and the other at the Barn; and about 50 young APPLE TREES beginning to bear.—The above property will be sold cheap.—For further particulars inquire of the subscriber on the premises.
April 27. **URBAN SHOREY.**

COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE.

THE subscribers having been appointed by the Hon. BENJAMIN CHANDLER, Esq. Judge of Probate, &c. for the County of Oxford, to receive and examine the Claims of the Creditors to the estate of STACY D. KNOX, late of Livermore, in said County, deceased, represented insolvent—do hereby give notice, that six months from the 28th day of March, A. D. 1826, are allowed to said Creditors to bring in and prove their claims—and that they will attend that service at the Dwelling-house of Jesse STONE, in said Livermore, on the first Mondays of June, August and September, from one to six o'clock P. M. on each of said days. **JESSE STONE,** Comm'r.
WM. WYMAN, Comm'r.
Livermore, April 24, 1826. 96

COLLECTOR'S NOTICE.....Hebron.

NOTICE is hereby given to the Non-resident Owners of the following Lots of LAND, situated in Hebron, in the County of Oxford, that they are taxed in the bills committed to me the subscriber, to collect, for the years 1824 and 1825—and also for School-House Tax in District No. 17, for 1825, as follows, to wit—

Proprietors.	No. of Lots.	Range.	Acres.	Value.	Tax, 1824.	Tax, 1825.
Jacob Pike,	1	50	150	\$1.23		
Charles Pike,	4	21	17	51	42	
Sam. Meguire & Co.		100	225	1.85		
Jona. & Wm. Wardwell,		250	500	4.11		
Joseph Johnson & Co.		50	100	.92		
Ephraim Briggs,	5	1	14	42	30	
Jacob Parsons,	12	2	21	63	45	
Charles Pike,	4	2	17	51	37	
John Pike,		100	318	2.20		
Joseph Bartlett,		50	112	.81		
Jona. & Peter Wardwell,		51	127	.91		
Joseph Johnson & Co.		50	100	.72		
Isaac Washburn,		9	160	1.15		

School-House Tax 1825, District No. Seventeen.

Joel Robinson, 32 60
S. Ames, 1 50
John Pike, 5 94
Ichabod Bartlett, 1 58
Ephraim Briggs, 95
Unless said Taxes and all necessary intervening charges are paid to me the subscriber, on or before Monday the *twenty-first* day of August next, at ten of the clock A. M. so much of said land will then be sold at Public Vendue, as will discharge the same, at the House of CYRUS SHAW, Esq. landholder in Hebron. **JOE MORTON, Collector.**
Hebron, May 2, 1826. 96

COLLECTOR'S NOTICE.....No. Four, now Carthage.

NOTICE is hereby given to the Proprietors of the Lands hereinafter mentioned, in the town of Carthage, (formerly called Number Four,) County of Oxford, and State of Maine, that the same are taxed in the bills committed to me the subscriber, for collection, for the State, County, Plantation, and School-house Taxes, for 1824 and 1825, in the respective sums following, viz:

Proprietors.	No. of Lots.	Range.	Acres.	Value.	S. C. & P. Tax.	County Tax.	Plantation Tax.	School-House Tax.	Total.
A. Austin,	2	9	160	80	40				
Unknown,	12	100	88	40	57				
A. Austin,	2	9	160	80	40				
Maxwell,	3	17	50	75	37	54			
A. Knights,	7	14	218	109	54	78	3.09		90
Stanwood,	8	11	160	120	60				
Harlow,	4	11	160	80	1.14	4.46	1.32		

Unless said Taxes and all necessary intervening charges are paid to me the subscriber, on or before Monday the *Twenty-eighth* day of August next, so much of said Land as will satisfy the same, will then be sold at Public Auction, at the Dwelling-house of JONAS BOWLEYS, in said Carthage, at ten of the clock in the forenoon of said day. **ABEL HATHAWAY, Collector.**
Carthage, April 28, 1826. 95

COLLECTOR'S NOTICE.....Weld.

NOTICE is hereby given to the Proprietors of the Lands hereinafter mentioned in the town of Weld, County of Oxford, and State of Maine, that the same are taxed in the bills committed to me the subscriber, for collection, for the State, County, and Town Taxes, for 1825, in the respective sums following, to wit—

Proprietors.	No. of Lots.	Range.	Acres.	Value.	State, County and Town Tax, 1825.
Eastman,	9	6	160	1.50	
Nath'l Hager,	2	13	50	.51	
Leonard, E. part,	2	14	70	.55	
Murch,	2	15	67	.80	

Unless said Taxes and all necessary intervening charges are paid to me the subscriber, on or before Tuesday the *twenty-ninth* day of August next, so much of said land as will satisfy the same will then be sold at Public Auction, at my Dwelling-house in said Weld, at eleven of the clock in the forenoon of said day. **EPHRAIM HAUGHTON, Collector.**
Weld, April 29, 1826. 95

PROBATE NOTICES.

THE subscriber hereby gives public notice to all concerned, that he has been duly appointed and taken upon himself the trust of Administrator on the estate of **ABNER RAWSON,** deceased, by giving bond as the law directs—he therefore requests all persons who are indebted to the said deceased's estate to make immediate payment; and those who have any demands thereon to exhibit the same to
Paris, March 28, 1826. **LYMAN RAWSON.** 96

THE subscriber hereby gives public notice to all concerned, that he has been duly appointed and taken upon himself the trust of Administrator on the estate of **SIMON POND,** late of Paris, in the County of Oxford, Yeoman, deceased, by giving bond as the law directs—he therefore requests all persons who are indebted to the said deceased's estate to make immediate payment; and those who have any demands thereon to exhibit the same to
Paris, May 2, 1826. **DANIEL POND.** 96

THE subscriber hereby gives public notice to all concerned, that he has been duly appointed and taken upon himself the trust of Executor of the last Will and Testament of **VERRES GREENWOOD,** late of Hebron, in the County of Oxford, Yeoman, deceased, by giving bond as the law directs—he therefore requests all persons who are indebted to the said deceased's estate to make immediate payment; and those who have any demands thereon, to exhibit the same to
Hebron, May 2, 1826. **FEARING WILLIS.** 96

THE subscriber hereby gives public notice to all concerned, that he has been duly appointed and taken upon himself the trust of Administrator on the estate of **LEFT BEARCE, Jr.** late of Hebron, in the County of Oxford, Yeoman, deceased, by giving bond as the law directs—he therefore requests all persons who are indebted to the said deceased's estate to make immediate payment; and those who have any demands thereon to exhibit the same to
Hebron, May 2, 1826. **CALVIN BUCKNAB.** 96

THE subscriber hereby gives public notice to all concerned, that he has been duly appointed and taken upon himself the trust of Administrator on the estate of **ADAM COTTOY,** late of Hebron, in the County of Oxford, deceased, by giving bond as the law directs—he therefore requests all persons who are indebted to the said deceased's estate to make immediate payment; and those who have any demands thereon, to exhibit the same to
Norway, May 2, 1826. **JOSEPH BRADBURY.** 96

THE subscriber hereby gives public notice to all concerned, that he has been duly appointed and taken upon himself the trust of Administrator on the estate of **JOHN WARREN,** late of Buckfield, in the County of Oxford, Gentleman, deceased, by giving bond as the law directs—he therefore requests all persons who are indebted to the said deceased's estate to make immediate payment; and those who have any demands thereon, to exhibit the same to
Sumner, May 2, 1826. **SAMUEL HEARSEY.** 96

THE subscriber hereby gives public notice to all concerned, that he has been duly appointed and taken upon himself the trust of Executor of the last Will and Testament of **HEZEKIAH BRYANT,** late of Turner, in the County of Oxford, Yeoman, deceased, by giving bond as the law directs—he therefore requests all persons who are indebted to the said deceased's estate to make immediate payment; and those who have any demands thereon to exhibit the same to
Turner, May 2, 1826. **HEZEKIAH BRYANT.** 96

A Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the second day of May, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and twenty-six—

THOMAS CLARK, Administrator on the estate of **SETH BENSON,** late of Paris, deceased, having presented his second account of administration of the estate of said deceased:

ORDERED—That the said Administrator give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this Order to be published three weeks successively in the *Oxford Observer*, printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at the Probate Office, in Paris, in said County, on the second Tuesday of June next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, and shew cause, if any they have, why the same should not be allowed. **BENJAMIN CHANDLER, Judge.**
A true Copy, Attest, **THOMAS WEBSTER, Register.**

A Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the second day of May, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and twenty-six—

THOMAS CLARK, Administrator, de bonis non, on the estate of **LUTHER PRATT,** late of Paris, deceased, having presented his second account of administration of the estate of said deceased:

ORDERED—That the said Administrator give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this Order to be published three weeks successively in the *Oxford Observer*, printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at the Probate Office, in Paris, in said County, on the second Tuesday of June next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, and shew cause, if any they have, why the same should not be allowed. **BENJAMIN CHANDLER, Judge.**
A true Copy, Attest, **THOMAS WEBSTER, Register.**

A Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the second day of May, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and twenty-six—

LUTHER CAREY, of Turner, in said County, Esq. named Executor in a certain Instrument purporting to be the last Will and Testament of **BENJAMIN EYLES,** late of Turner, in said County, Gentleman, deceased, having presented the same for Probate:

ORDERED—That the said *Luther Carey* give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this Order to be published three weeks successively in the *Oxford Observer*, printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court, to be held at the Probate Office, in Paris, in said County, on the second Tuesday of June next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, and shew cause, if any they have, why the said Instrument should not be proved, approved, and allowed as the last Will and Testament of said deceased. **BENJAMIN CHANDLER, Judge.**
A true Copy, Attest, **THOMAS WEBSTER, Register.**

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THE REFLECTOR.

THE VILLAGE PREACHER.

"FATHER, FORGIVE THEM."

Go, proud infidel—search the ponderous tomes of heathen learning:—Explore the works of Confucius; examine the precepts of Seneca, and the writings of Socrates: Collected all the excellencies of the ancient and the modern moralists, and point to a sentence equal to this simple prayer of our Saviour reviled and insulted—suffering the grossest indignities—crowned with thorns, and led away to die! no annihilating curse breaks from his tortured breast. Sweet and placid as the aspirations of a mother for her nursing, ascends the prayer of mercy on his enemies, "Father, forgive them." O, it was worthy of its origin, and stamps with the bright seal of truth that his mission was from Heaven!

Acquaintances, have you quarrelled?—Friends, have you differed? If he, who was pure and perfect, forgave his bitterest enemies, do you well to cherish your anger?

Brothers, to you the precept is imperative; you shall forgive—not seven times, but seventy times seven.

Husbands and wives, you have no right to expect perfection in each other. To err is the lot of humanity. Illness will sometimes render you petulant, and disappointment ruffle the smoothest temper. Guard, I beseech you, with unremitting vigilance, your passions; controlled, they are the genial heat that warms us along the way of life—ungoverned, they are consuming fires. Let your strife be one of respectful attentions, and conciliatory conduct. Cultivate with care the kind and gentle affections of the heart. Plant not, but eradicate the thorns that grow in your partner's path.—Above all, let no feeling of revenge ever find harbour in your breast: Let the sun never go down upon your anger. A kind word—an obliging action—if it be in a trifling concern, has a power superior to the harp of David in calming the billows of the soul.

Revenge is as incompatible with happiness as it is hostile to religion. Let him whose heart is black with malice and studious of revenge, walk through the fields while clad in verdure, and adorned with flowers: to his eye there is no beauty; the flowers to him exhale no fragrance. Dark as his soul, nature is robed in deepest sable. The smile of beauty lights not up his bosom with joy; but the furies of hell rage in his breast, and render him as miserable as he would wish the object of his hate.

But let him lay his hand upon his heart and say—"Revenge, I cast thee from me—Father, forgive me as I forgive my enemies," and nature assumes a new and delightful garb. Then, indeed, are the meads verdant and the flowers fragrant—then is the music of the groves delightful to the ear, and the smile of virtuous beauty lovely to his soul.

COMPLAINING. Superficial religionists should be aware of the great difference between complaining of themselves, and real humility. The one is the repentance of the tongue, and the other of the heart. We cannot indeed say, that there is no sincerity where there is some ostentation; but we may confidently affirm, that ostentation is no part of sincerity. Some people are always condemning themselves; always complaining of their wicked hearts; and this is their religion. The answer of Whitefield to such a person, on a certain occasion, was admirable. A man, reputedly very pious, perhaps really so, was once complaining to him of his own heart. His language was: "What a sinner I am—how little do I profit under preaching—at what a distance do I live from God!" Whitefield heard him for a while, and then replied:—"My dear Sir, do you really believe all this? for if you really do, you had much better confess it to God, than display it to me."

Christian Spectator.

The following incident in the life of the late Col. John McKinstry is taken from the *Hudson Whig*, and, as that paper observes, is too remarkable to be passed slightly over:—

At the battle of the Cedars, (thirty miles above Montreal, on the St. Lawrence,) Col. J. McKinstry, then a Captain in Col. Patterson's regiment of continental troops, was twice wounded and taken prisoner by the Indians. The intrepidity of Captain McKinstry as a partisan officer, had rendered him alike the object of their fears and of their unforgiving resentment. The British officers were too much in dread of their savage allies, on account of their vast superiority of numbers, to risk an interposition of their authority to prevent the horrid sacrifice they saw preparing. Hope had fled, and in the agony of despair he had uttered that mystic appeal which the brotherhood of Masons never disregard, when, as if Heaven had interposed for his preservation, the Warrior Brandt understood him and saved him. Brandt had been educated in Europe, and had there been initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry.—The advantages of education and his native strength of mind, gave him an ascendancy over the uncultured sons of the forest that few other chiefs possessed. Situated as he was, the impending danger of a brother must have forcibly brought to mind his obligation to support him in the time of peril. His utmost endeavors were

accordingly used, and they were happily successful in obtaining for him an immediate respite, and an eventual ransom.

HIRAM.

THE TRAVELLER.

FROM THE NEW-YORK STATESMAN.

CARTER'S LETTERS FROM EUROPE.

London, 15th August, 1825.

I have not yet done with Westminster Abbey. Around the Choir of the Church, hung with the banners of those who have been knighted during the present reign, amounting to a hundred or more; there is a succession of small, ancient chapels, filled with curious monuments, and royal families lying in state. The principal of these is denominated the Chapel of Henry the VIIIth, by whom it was built for himself and family. He ordained, that none but those of Royal blood should be admitted into the sacred cemetery. Even the living are not permitted to visit this and the neighbouring parts of the Abbey, unaccompanied by a guide, who hurries the visitant from one group to another, in such rapid succession as to afford no time for examination, and to produce a chaos of ideas. This rigid prohibition has been adopted, in consequence of the mutilations which have been committed by visitants. Mary, Queen of Scots, who sleeps in white marble beneath a splendid canopy has lost nearly all her fingers. Some of the monuments have been treated still worse. In that to the memory of Major Andre, the relief statues of Washington and Putnam have been beheaded. Many of the kings are in bronze, and sometimes an eye, or the nose, is scraped bright, shamefully disfiguring the countenance. I endeavored to obtain of the keeper a dispensation of the rule in my favour, with assurances that no depredations would be committed; but he was inexorable, and after paying two shillings for walking twice round the circuit, I was compelled to leave the royal groups to their repose, with but a slight knowledge of the monumental honours, which adorn their tombs. This circumstance was the more regretted, since the interdicted apartments contain a bust of Lord Mansfield, seated upon an elevated tribunal, holding a volume of law in one hand, and the steel-yards of justice, in the other; as also a pretty allegorical group, in memory of Charles James Fox. The loss of a nearer inspection of full length likenesses of Nelson, Chatham, Queen Elizabeth, and other distinguished personages, in wax, was not so severely felt; for it appeared to me that such figures were much more suitable for a six-penny museum, than for the cloisters of Westminster Abbey.

At the close of our second visit to this place, we went to Westminster Hall, the House of Commons, and the House of Lords, all in the same pile of buildings, on the other side of the street, opposite to the Poets' Corner. The Hall is spacious, with an arched ceiling, said to be the largest in Europe, unsupported by beams. Its effect on the eye is entirely destroyed by the temporary shanties, or offices of unpainted boards, erected at one end, and along the walls. Mr. Simpson can furnish at the Park Theatre a more splendid and suitable room, for the Coronation feast, than Westminster Hall now affords. Our guide pointed out the places where, his majesty sat, the champions rode, and other scenes of the regal ceremony. His particularity however afforded us little gratification.

The House of Commons is a small, plain, insignificant room, in which one of our state legislatures would hardly deign to convene. Its floor and side galleries are both appropriated to the members, and will not then accommodate the whole number. In front of the speaker's chair, which resembles a watchman's box, there is a dark, contracted gallery for spectators. The ranges of benches are covered with green, and the table for the clerks blocks up the area in front of the Speaker. Some of the seats of the great men of the day were designated by the guide. When a question is taken, one side or the other, (the opposition always occupying the left of the Speaker,) is ordered into the Lobby, a dark narrow recess which would not accommodate one half of the members of that body, who usually assemble at Albany. Its entrance is stained with the blood of Percival, who was shot by an assassin several years since.

The House of Lords is but little superior in its dimensions to the House of Commons. It is, however, finished and furnished in better style. The wool-sacks, resembling bales of cotton, covered with red cloth, and tied at the corners with cords of yellow silk, give the room a novel appearance. They form an easy seat; and to render his position less tiresome, the Lord Chancellor has caused a temporary rest for his back to be erected. It must be a curious spectacle to see high dignitaries, in their wigs, mounted upon these bags. In front is the throne secured from any seat but his majesty's by a brass railing. The coronation chair, in Westminster Abbey, is less guarded, and a republican may sit down and rest in it if he chooses. A sight of the throne inspired us with as little awe as the sceptre. It is a pretty canopy, some ten or twelve feet high, supported by pillars in front, highly gilt, and hung with crimson tapestry, heavy with ornaments of gold. The good lady requested us to feel the weight of its folds,

and uncovered the chair for our inspection. His majesty has never occupied it but on one occasion. The seat of his unfortunate queen, when she was a criminal at the bar of the house, was pointed out to us, as also the obscure door by which she approached, day after day, during her trial.

The exterior of these buildings is even less striking than the inside. They are surrounded by others of equal height, and although they stand upon the immediate bank of the Thames, no part of them is visible from the water, except a small turret upon the House of Lords, and the Gothic gable end of the House of Commons. An English audience would be surprised at the magnificence of the legislative halls at Washington.

On Sunday, we went to church at White Hall Chapel, where the Duke of York and his royal guards attend. It is in the vicinity of the military and naval offices. A splendid canopy is erected in the gallery for his Grace, who was at Brighton, and we therefore did not see him. It cost us a shilling each for a seat, and more than a shilling's worth of patience to listen to a dull discourse, delivered in a monotonous, sing-song tone. Among the flags which adorn the walls of this church, as trophies, it was a little amusing to find two in a conspicuous place, directly in front of the Duke of York's canopy, under the label of "New-Orleans," printed in capitals. One of them bore the image of the eagle, and the device of the other could not be distinctly seen. They are said to have been taken in a skirmish on the right bank of the Mississippi; but one would suppose the name would not revive very pleasant associations in the breast of his Grace, or of the British nation. There is also an American flag, taken at Fort Niagara; another, at Queenston; and several, at Detroit—all well assorted, and pompously displayed under their respective labels.

Since our arrival, we have been the rounds of the theatres and other public amusements now open, embracing the Italian Opera, English Opera, Haymarket, Astley's Amphitheatre, and Vauxhall Garden. At the first of these, the house, the scenery, dresses, and audience are splendid; but much cannot be said in favour of the performances. We heard the celebrated Velluti sing, in a most unmanly voice, and saw scores of Italian girls dance, with gesticulations which can afford no amusement to persons of taste and delicacy. They however received rounds of applause. The five tiers of boxes, elegantly hung with crimson tapestry, were well filled with fashionable people, and the pit was crowded with ladies and gentlemen. No person is allowed to go in boots, or in any other than a white cravat. The whole play was performed in the Italian language, and nine tenths of the audience were probably just as ignorant of the plot and sentiment, if it possessed either, when they left as when they entered. I could not but think how keenly Addison, and Johnson, and Garrick, would have lashed the prevailing taste of the age, and the degradation of the stage, could they have been present, to listen to the effeminate tones of Italian eunuchs and witness the waltzes of Neapolitan girls.

The English Opera is little more than a version of the Italian, all the absurdities and frivolities of the latter being translated into the former. Nonsense in plain English is, if possible, more ridiculous, than when veiled in a language not understood: "*Vox et præterea nihil*—full of sound and fury, signifying nothing." We saw Braham and Miss Paton. The musical talents of the former have been overrated, or he was not in voice. Miss Paton is a fine looking woman, but is wanting in animation. She is, however, accounted "a star," and her performances go off with eclat.

Haymarket is a small, neat theatre, opposite the Italian Opera House. The company possess more talent than any one we have seen since landing. Liston's comic humour is admirable. In the character of the landlord, in the new piece of "Quite Correct," which possesses great merit, save that it is a little too broad, he keeps the house in a roar. Madame Vestris is pretty, and has an air of sprightliness. She is a great favourite; but her reputation perhaps is not unlike that of Miss Foote.

Our observation thus far has not given us a very exalted opinion of the English stage. Due allowance should be made, however, for the unfavourable season of the year. Every body is said to be out of town, although there seems to be enough yet left. Drury Lane and Covent Garden, the two principal theatres, are closed. Their companies are said to be good, and our first impressions may hereafter be corrected.

Astley's Amphitheatre is half dramatic—half circus; or, as the Kentucks say, "half horse, half alligator." It is a handsome, convenient building, near Westminster Bridge. "The Burning of Moscow"—the show for the night—is a grand spectacle. Napoleon is not so much of a caricature, as it might be supposed John Bull would make him. Parts of his character are just, and go off with applause. The feats in horsemanship are nothing extraordinary. Hunter surpasses them. A modern Hercules, passing under the name of "Alcides" gave exhibitions of his strength, and performed some of the labours of his ancestor.

We were at Vauxhall Garden on his Majesty's birth-night, when a great gala was given.

"The King, our patron's natal day," blazed in capitals, composed of coloured lamps, over one of the principal walks. I forget how many hundred thousand lights were fancifully displayed among the trees, and how many alcoves and grots they disclosed to the admiring gaze of the spectator. Eagles spouted water, and dragons, fire, in a shower of which "a young American," who was said to be old Mr. Blackmore, ascended by dint of a tight rope. All London was out on the occasion. Much more order was observed, than could have been expected in such a promiscuous throng. The grounds of Vauxhall, upon the right bank of the Thames, above Westminster Hall, are beautiful, being laid out with taste, adorned with trees, and forming an agreeable promenade.

I had intended to add to this hasty sketch of London, an account of our visit to the extensive works of Mr. Perkins, where we saw his improved steam-engine in full and successful operation; his model for propelling boats by skulling paddles in the stern; his steam-guns; and his machinery for striking bank notes. But my letter has already been too much extended; and those, with many other topics, must be deferred till our return to the metropolis from the north.

FROM THE LONDON LITERARY GAZETTE.

GERMAN POPULAR STORY.

There was once a little maid named Grettel: she wore shoes with red heels, and when she went abroad she turned out her toes; and was very merry, and thought to herself, "What a pretty girl I am!" And when she came home, to put herself in good spirits, she would tipple down a drop or two of wine; and as wine gives a relish for eating, she would take a taste of every thing when she was cooking, saying, "A cook ought to know whether a thing tastes well." It happened one day that her master said, "Grettel, this evening I have a friend coming to sup with me; get two fine fowls ready." "Very well, sir," said Grettel. Then she killed the fowls, plucked, and trussed them, put them on the spit, and, when evening came, put them to the fire to roast. The fowls turned round and round, and soon began to look nice and brown; but the guest did not come. Then Grettel cried out, "Master, if the guest does not come, I must take up the fowls; but it will be a shame and a pity if they are not eaten while they are hot and good." "Well," said her master, "I'll run and tell him to come." As soon as he had turned his back, Grettel stopped the spit, and laid it with the fowls upon it on one side, and thought to herself, "Standing by the fire makes one very tired and thirsty; who knows how long they will be? Meanwhile, I will just step into the cellar and take a drop." So off she ran, put down her pitcher, and said, "Your health, Grettel," and took a good draught. "This wine is a good friend," said she to herself; "it breaks one's heart to leave it." Then up she trotted, put the fowls down to the fire, spread some butter over them, and turned the spit merrily round again.

The fowls soon smelt so good, that she thought to herself, "they are very good, but they may want something still; I had better taste them, and see." So she licked her fingers, and said, "O! how good! what a shame and a pity that they are not eaten!" Away she ran to the window, to see if her master and his friend were coming; but nobody was in sight: so she turned to the fowls again, and it would be better for her to eat a wing than that it should be burnt. So she cut one wing off, and ate it, and it tasted very well; and as the other was quite done enough, she thought it had better be cut off too, or else her master would see that one was wanting. When the two wings were gone, she went again to look out for her master, but could not see him. "Ah!" thought she to herself, "who knows whether they will come at all? very likely they have turned into some tavern: O Grettel! Grettel! make yourself happy, take another draught, and eat the rest of the fowl; it looks so oddly as it is; when you have eaten all, you will be easy; why should such good things be wasted?" So she ran once more to the cellar, took another drink, and ate up the rest of the fowl with the greatest gloe.

Still her master did not come, and she cast a lingering eye upon the other fowl, and said, "Where the other went, this had better go too; they belong to each other; they who have a right to one must have a right to the other; but if I were to take another draught first, it would not hurt me." So she tipped down another drop of wine, and sent the second fowl to look after the first. While she was making an end of this famous meal, her master came home, and called out, "now quick, Grettel, my friend is just at hand!" "Yes, master, I will dish up this minute," said she. In the mean time he looked to see if the cloth was laid, and took up the carving-knife to sharpen it. Whilst this was going on, the guest came and knocked softly at the house door; then Grettel ran to see who was there, and when she saw him, she put her finger upon her lips, and said, "Hush! hush! run away as fast as you can; for if my master catches you, it will be worse for you; he owes you a grudge, and asked you to supper only that he might cut off your ears; only listen how he is sharpening his knife." The guest listened, and when he heard the knife, he made us

much haste as he could down the steps, and ran off. Grettel was not idle in the mean time, but ran screaming, "Master! master! what a fine guest you have asked to supper?" "Why, Grettel, what's the matter?" "Oh!" says she, "he has taken both the fowls that I was going to bring up, and has run away with them." "That is a rascally trick to play," said the master, sorry to lose the fine chickens: "at least he might have left me one, that I might have had something to eat; call out to him to stay." But the guest would not hear; so he ran after him with his knife in his hand, crying out, "One, one, only one; I want only one," meaning that the guest should leave him one of the fowls, and not take both; but he thought that his host meant nothing less than that he would cut off at least one of his ears: so he ran away to save them both, as if he had hot coals under his feet.

JOHN RANDOLPH—Again!

The following rhapsodicalrodomontade, too incoherent even for the lips of John Randolph, is said to have been the genuine delivery of that gentleman, a fortnight since in the Senate. Were the accuracy of this report not fortified by satisfactory evidence, we should suppose it indebted for its range and depth of coloring to the malicious wit of the reporter.

Newburyport Herald.

"The Royal George! yes! I've a story to tell you about the Royal George. You remember the Royal George, sir?—But, no!—It was before your time, sir—(Times, give me some porter.)—1807—Giles says, December, but there he is mistaken—I say, January—yes, January—I remember it as well as if it was yesterday—I did not baptize it, sir—no! though I was reputed Godfather, sir—Giles was the real Godfather to J. Q. Adams. The Royal George, sir, was a huge, unwieldy stage, in which Crawford used to send the members that boarded at his house to the Capitol. We used to meet Adams, sir, trudging through the mud, with his umbrella over his head—he would not ride with us, sir—no—he would not ride—but Giles at last coaxed him into his carriage, sir—Aye, there it was, sir, that the "billion and coining" began—Why, sir, it could not be otherwise. (Times, some porter.) Throw any two intriguers, sir, into such a situation, and they must become as intimate, aye, as confidential, as man and wife—no matter how great a scoundrel the one, sir—but here were two scoundrels together, sir—the intriguers and the intrigue—both alike, sir—I have always said that Giles had no principle, sir—I said it twenty years ago—and I say it now, sir. Adam and Eve would have come together—if either or both had been as ugly as sin, sir—in Paradise—or in Purgatory. Yes! sir—take my word for it—old Shakespeare knew what he was about, sir—[Ferdinand had not arrived as he did upon Prospero's Island, Miranda and Caliban must have been man and wife, sir—'tis human nature, sir, if I know any thing about it. You know, Mr. President—I say, sir, you know—(Times, some more porter.)—I told you to your face, sir, yes! as we rode together to Gaillard's funeral—that you and I never could be friends, sir—that we did not think alike upon any subject, sir—and yet the gentleman, I beg your pardon, sir, the Senator from—some State in the East—said I was your political—the note-taker says, he added confidential—I believe the note-taker, sir—yes! he said your political, and confidential friend! I suffer no fool to make friendships for me, sir—fool Swinny—or any other fool, sir—[looking and pointing to Mr. Holmes, of Maine]—Fool, did I say, sir?—More knave than fool too, sir—He knew it, sir, knew that I was no friend of yours, sir, but he had a motive for it, sir—a purpose to answer, sir—yes, more knave than fool—Poor Crawford!—I pity him—where are all his friends, sir?—bought up, sir.

"But let us to the letter again—this paper is worth money, sir. [reading] Giles said that Mr. Adams was at first reluctant to call on Mr. Jefferson—coy, aye, a little coy, sir, reluctant to call on Mr. Jefferson! My life for it, sir, he did not go in the open day: no, no, sir: I mean no irreverence when I say it, sir—but my life for it, he went, like Nicodemus, in the dark, sir—villain always seeks the dark, sir: [reading] 'and when Giles said this, he added, all this I saw.' He saw it, did he? Yes, the see-er and the see-er, if I may be allowed to make a word—were both alike, sir, a precious pack of scoundrels, sir—But, how did he see? Was he behind a screen? Did he peep through a key-hole? Was he hid in a closet?—(Times, some more porter.)—[reading again] 'When I spoke to you of Mr. Adams twenty years ago, and expressed my belief that he was an honest man, and would faithfully support the administration—' Aye, sir, he was a lad, then—the writer of this letter was a boy, sir, just returned from an eastern college—twined, sir, as all our southern young men must be, who are sent to the east to be educated. Sir, I would not let a son of mine go to any college north of the Potomac, sir—I had rather he should not know how to read and write, sir. Reading and writing, you know, sir, as Dogberry says, comes by nature—but good sense—by education. No, sir, I would have no young man educated at an eastern college—it corrupts them, sir—(where's that porter?)—[reading]—'You replied, that's me, sir—I replied—I had forgotten the words, sir—they had escaped my memory—no—they were in my memory, sir, but not in my recollection—[reading]—'You replied, you are mistaken in him, sir—' Why, sir, this very word 'Sir,' sir, is worth a thousand dollars. [reading]—'You are mistaken in him, sir—he is a hypocrite, and will betray his country, if he can have a chance. I knew him, sir—never was deceived in my life—Do I say I never was deceived? Yes—why do I say I never was deceived? Because I never act upon suspicion, sir—I always look for the proofs, sir—Why, I had a negro, sir, whom I suspected for three years. I never hinted my suspicion,

sir—I waited for proof, sir—It came at last, sir—I caught him in the fact—and I said to him Coffee, or Mingo, or whatever his name was—Did I ever tell you that I suspected you? No, sir—Did you ever see any thing in my conduct towards you to make you think that I suspected you? No, sir—No, sir, I never act upon suspicion—I knew him, sir, I watched this J. Q. Adams, sir—I knew he was a hypocrite—he was, then—is now—and will be, to the day of his death, sir. Hear—O Israel—Listen ye gentlemen of Boston—What this—what shall I call him, Apostate? Yes—this apostate John Quincy Adams says of you—He says you conspired to divide the Union—to join the eastern States to Canada.

Mr. President, you remember the famous plot—yes—you and I were on the committee before whom the famous Count Crillon appeared, and before whom the equally famous Henry did not appear. Why, sir, there never was so villainous a plot since the world was made—I do not speak offensively to my friend from Boston—I beg his pardon—the senator from Boston—no, nor to the federal party—among whom are some very honest men—but I say to you, gentlemen, if you can support this hypocrite, this traitor, this apostate, after what he has said of you, why—do you deserve it, that's all. I'll put him down, sir—or if I don't—I'll leave the country, sir—I'll go to Europe, sir, and console myself among the slaves and serfs of the other continent. Virginia is up in arms, sir. Up in arms, did I say, sir? Yes! But what do I mean by arms, sir? Do I mean that she has rifles in her hands? No, sir, we do not take up muskets and rifles to kill fleas, sir—to shoot mosquitoes, sir. No: we brush them off, sir, we brush them off. Poor Virginia, she had the honour of giving the last President—that thing—yes, sir—the thing James Monroe—I say, sir, she had the honour—but what was the profit, sir? Why, like the cobbler's wife, she was the worst shod woman in the parish.

"The Richmond Whig, sir—yes, that protégé of Henry Clay—Henry Clay!—Psha!—The press!—aye, sir, 'Democratic Press' and all—By the way, is this said Col. Binns, the same Col. Binns, not Colonel, though at—Assizes who was offered to me body and soul, by old M'Lane, twenty years ago, when I quarrelled with Jefferson, to publish any thing and every thing I might choose to write?—I thought so—why, sir, I would not have him then—I said then, he was too great a rogue for me—too great a rogue then, sir—what is he now?—who is your Secretary of the Treasury?—who was his father, sir—I'll tell you, sir—a federalist in disguise—a hypocritical traitor, sir—an accomplice of that scoundrel—who was that general who fought a duel with—during the Revolutionary War? [Macon—Conway.]—aye, General Conway—he was an accomplice of that scoundrel, sir, in the infamous plot to put down Gen. Washington, and put up Charles Lee—a villainous plot, sir, he was rewarded for it with the Treasuryship of the Mint—(Times, more porter.)—The collector of Norfolk—who is he, sir?—a vile tool, sir—and the Representative from the Norfolk District?—a poor, miserable, contemptible wretch, sir—poor Virginia!—the Secretary of the Navy?—Barron?—sir, I'll pin him upon his back—I'll glue them together, sir—they shall stick like shoemaker's wax—aye, sir, sir, they shall not be able to shake each off—they shall sink together—sir, I feel degraded—I do confess myself disgraced—at standing up here as the adversary of such a contemptible administration—I feel disgraced, sir, at avowing myself its adversary;—what should I feel as its friend?—But the letter! I'll get through it yet—[reading] I have written this for your amusement, and must beg that you will not show it to any body, unless it be to our friends Macon and Tazewell—aye, he begs me not to show it to any body—but, meo periculo, I have read it in the Senate—as to the name of the writer,—that, sir, is another affair—it is locked up here, sir—and let me say, Mr. President, if any body puts a leading question to me about it—if I don't knock him down—so help me God! it will be because I am not able—"

This is a faint sketch of Mr. Randolph. I have given you nothing that he did not say, but have necessarily omitted much that he did say, because it is impossible for any memory to retain all the unconnected, disjointed galamattias of a mountebank. He must have been a little intoxicated before he sat down—at least, he drank enough of brown stout during his exhibition to have effected the head of any common man, who had eaten nothing for ten hours.

A letter to the editor of the New-York American, mentions that Randolph emptied half a dozen bottles of porter during the delivery of the above speech. He is expected to embark for England on the 24th inst.

From the Western Balance.

MODERN PILGRIMS. In the summer of 1818, a company of people calling themselves Pilgrims, appeared descending the Mississippi, in a flat-boat. By their own account they started from Lower Canada, in a company consisting of eight or ten. In Vermont they recruited twenty or thirty; in the State of New-York several more; and when they reached Cincinnati, their numbers amounted to about sixty.

Their leader, a Canadian, by the name of Bul-lard, (called also by his followers the prophet Elijah,) was of a diminutive stature, with a club foot. Before he began his mission, he had a severe spell of sickness, when he fasted 40 days, (as he said and his disciples believed,) after which he recovered very suddenly, by the special interposition of the Divine Spirit, and being filled with enthusiasm, he declared that he was commanded to plant the church of the redeemer in the wilderness, and among the heathen. From these notions thus imbued, and which he instilled into his followers, they believed themselves capable of fasting 40 days; accordingly when they committed themselves to

the current, the prophet enjoined a 40 day's fast. The people becoming sick, and in great distress from hunger, this severe commander found it necessary to remit, in some degree, the rigor of his injunction, and he permitted, the taking of flour broth through a gull, because he received his food in this way after his long sickness and fast when he could not open his jaws—and which had the vivifying effect, taken by him for supernatural power or inspiration. But as the gruel allowed was very meagre, being simply flour and cold water, debility, misery and death attended the experiment. Yet with faith and hope they persisted.

In this wretched situation, they arrived at Pilgrim's Island; which derives its name from this fact; at which place they were fallen in with by a barge belonging to Nashville, whose crew, detesting the conduct of the prophet and his second, who watched and governed the timorous multitude, gave two or three of the leaders a sound drubbing with the pliant cotton wood switch.

They next landed at the Little Prairie. The prophet's staff, which by the directions of its fall had hitherto pointed out the way, now stood still; and he declared that here he was commanded to settle and build a church; but Mr. Walker who owned the soil, and resided in this solitary spot, forbade the undertaking. This was accounted persecution; yet they continued seven days, during which several died; among whom were children, which were placed on the beach by their parents, at the command of Elijah, when, exposed to the scorching sun, they wallowed in holes in the sand while they struggled away the agonies of death. While here labouring under sickness and persecution, it seems they began to suspect that they were forsaken by the divine spirit, and that no more miracles could be wrought for them. Hence they commenced the cry of "Oh my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" when, by assisting each other, the vociferating cry was not intermitted for three days and nights.

They stopped further down at a desert place, when six or eight more died, whose bones still lie on the shore uncovered; and all who remained when they arrived at Helena, were objects of horror and compassion. The hospitable inhabitants furnished them a plentiful supply of milk and more nourishing gruel, for taking which every one was provided with a piece of roast beef.

The boat next struck upon a sand bar near the mouth of the Arkansas. The prophet, his brother, and other leaders being dead, the remnant dispersed into the settlements, and down the river in the passing boats.

From the time the party entered the Mississippi, their number decreased daily by death or desertion, and when they made their final landing only about 15 remained. One disciple eloped at the Little Prairie, with all the cash belonging to the company. One child was rescued here and raised. Several individuals who were dispersed in various directions, are now comfortably settled, but it is supposed that more than half their number died on the pilgrimage.

This fete of folly and delusion is, perhaps, worthy of notice, as furnishing a striking instance of the blindness of credulity—the wilderness of fanaticism, and the miserable propensity of the mind, to believe itself possessed of powers which do not belong to humanity.

From the Baltimore American.

STEAM BOAT ACCIDENT.

It is with no little regret that we feel ourselves constrained to announce the accident which has befallen the steam boat Susquehanna and Baltimore, while on her way to the head waters of the river. It appears that the boat had proceeded in safety to Northumberland, and was pursuing her course up the N. Branch of the Susquehanna. Upon arriving at Berwick Falls, a short distance below the town of the same name, the passengers (including Messrs. Thomas Elliott, John B. Morris, and Joseph W. Patterson, of this city, forming the board of River Commissioners) landed, with the intention of walking up to the town. The channel of the river being found difficult, Capt. Cornwell deemed it advisable to drop down, in order to ascend the Falls by another route. In the act of descending, the boat struck on a rock, which caused one of the heads of the boiler to start. Six of the hands were injured by the boiling water, and one or two of them badly.

From the Philadelphia Democratic Press.

TERRIBLE EXPLOSION. It gives us much concern to have to record the following melancholy and disastrous accident. A gentleman who boarded the steam boat Susquehanna, a few minutes after the horrible explosion, gives us the following particulars: The Engineer assured the owners that there was as much steam on as the boiler would bear, but they insisted on more being raised. This was done, and the explosion was instantaneous. The unfortunate, and too obedient Engineer, was literally and completely skinned. He is not expected to survive. He has a wife and seven children. While they were carrying him up into the town of Berwick, nearly opposite to which, in attempting to ascend the Nescopeck falls, in the river Susquehanna, where the explosion took place, he said he had done his duty, and hoped the public would do theirs to his family.

Mr. Robt, of Cattawissa, a sensible and a worthy man, a member of the General Assembly, is so dreadfully scalded, that he is not expected to live. One other person, whose name we have not learned, is supposed to be too shockingly scalded to recover.

Nine other persons were severely scalded and three missing who are supposed to have been killed. This frightful accident took place on the 3d instant, between 4 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon, immediately after the explosion, the boat took fire, but was soon extinguished.

THE OBSERVER.

PARIS, (MR.) THURSDAY, MAY 18, 1826.

The May Term of the Supreme Court for this County convened on Tuesday last. President—Chief Justice MELLIS and Justice WESTON. We shall endeavor to give some account of the business done at this Term in our next.

THE SEASON. The weather has been for a few days, and still continues remarkably warm. The thermometer on Monday stood at 86°—Tuesday and Wednesday, still higher.—The season is now quite forward. Peas are in full bloom—Corn is up—and vegetation generally looks prosperous. Rain, however, is much wanted.

CONGRESS. A Bill has been introduced into the Senate to diminish the executive patronage. It provides that from and after the first day of December next, the Newspapers selected to publish the Laws of the United States shall not be less than three, and may be equal to half the number of Representatives in each State: The selection to be made by the Senators and Representatives of the several States. It also provides that the President shall once in four years lay before Congress a statement of the accounts of all the public officers who hold their office under him or by his appointment: That no man shall receive the appointment of Postmaster where the income of the office is to a certain amount, unless he is nominated by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The fourth Bill provides that the Cadets and the Midshipmen shall be taken equally from each Congressional District. The sixth Bill provides that the Officers of the Army and Navy shall hold their offices during good behaviour, and not, as they now do, during the pleasure of the President: That they shall be liable to a removal by Court Martial, or by an address of both Houses of Congress to the President.

COBBESSEE CANAL CORPORATION. At the meeting of this Corporation, held at Wayne on the 3d instant, the following gentlemen were elected Officers:

ROBERT H. GARDINER, Esq. President.
GEORGE EVANS, Esq. Secretary.
Hon. SANFORD KINGSBURY, Treasurer.
Hon. JOHN CHANDLER, SAMUEL JEWETT, Esq. Col. BILLY BENJAMIN, JAMES COCHRAN, Esq. ELIZABETH POPE, Esq. JOSHUA BOWLES, Esq. Capt. WILLIAM CHENEY, Junr., Directors.
We understand that the Stock will soon be offered for sale.

A NEW THING. A Grand Jury in the State of Georgia has presented the President of the United States as an Officer of Government who has not done his duty faithfully!

CONJUGAL AFFECTION. A man in Virginia recently hung himself with his handkerchief. His wife had so much regard for him that she would not suffer her negro woman to cut him down, although by doing it his life would have been saved.

Town Officers of Rumsford—1826.

Town Clerk: Peter C. Virgin.
Selectmen and Assessors: Alvan Bolster, Capt. S. P. Howe, and Rufus Virgin.
Treasurer, and Sealer of Weights & Measures: Aaron Virgin.
Superintending School Committee: Peter C. Virgin, Joseph Adams, and Simeon Fuller.
Auctioneers: Henry C. Rolfe and Colman Godwin.
Town Agent: Peter C. Virgin.

The following is extracted from the Speech of the Hon. Mr. SPRAGUE, delivered in the House of Representatives, April 9, 1826, on the Massachusetts Claim:

MR. CHAIRMAN: I am in favour of the bill; and I am induced to offer my reasons for being so, because I cannot entirely coincide in opinion with either of the gentlemen from Massachusetts, (Mr. DAVIS and Mr. DWIGHT,) who have addressed you; and because the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. HORTON) has been pleased to say, that no one who was in the minority of Massachusetts, during the late war, can support the bill, or receive money under it without a violation of consistency—without, indeed, an abandonment of principle. Sir, the State which I have the honour in part to represent, and all her representatives upon this floor, were in that minority. She will receive a portion of the money provided for by the bill, and I am unwilling, by silence, to admit, that imputations can rest upon that character, for political consistency, which we have so hardly earned, and so long maintained.

It is first asked, why should the claim of Massachusetts be allowed? I answer, because it is just in itself, and because similar claims have been allowed to other States. It is just in itself.—The several States have conceded to the General Government the power of peace and war, and the revenues by which war is to be prosecuted and aggression repelled; and it is the duty of the General Government to protect each State against invasion. This duty is not left to inference, but is imposed in express terms, in the fourth section of the fourth article of the constitution. This high obligation, thus assumed by the fundamental compact, is brought into most vigorous exercise when the United States declare war; for then an enemy is created without the consent of the State: the time and circumstances of the declaration are selected by the General Government; and most assuredly it ought to defend the citizens from the attacks which it has thus deliberately challenged. If it do not, but leaves a State to exhaust its own resources in repelling the enemy, the United States are bound to repay the sums which shall have been thus expended.

This proposition is so clear that it hardly admits of argument or illustration. It rests upon those eternal principles of justice and good faith by which every judicial tribunal proceeds in enforcing engagements between man and man. Principles which are fundamental in the jurisprudence of every enlightened country; which the United States have recognized and enforced; and in the obedience to which, Congress have acted in granting claims, ever since the organization of the Government.

The gentleman of the conduct after all his instances in there was any enemy; and contribution I rather signify would have no onet. Yes, thirty or forty three British troops in their poured, he would not those 70 would have been toman spoke Had he know he would have earth, a set of than they do. I am not an sets during never did, and be indiscrimin The gentle invariably the threw every U. States der sets! No al commerce of your Treasury agara frontier spread not a and scarcely which her bl will say, wha Union whose and success did the sons of The principi tional treasur the expendi paid to her th to have provi if her measur the United S that economy companies, cl in service du continued in States hundr more than th Massachusetts refusal, their for, but it w al treasury, e with interest. I am const to this inquir but careful in tice; and I will give to come to the e ned, by the has been refe three, have late Presiden the National understanding i duly biased in by repeated mended its pi thought ind come to the and to discar of past time lenly and se around the n excluded. The gentle things wholl has even cou vention, to no terrors fo I feared it isted it then serving doci Hartford com this bill? T performed it that Conven following, upon the Un that assembli nacted? Is charge in ful The gentl party during plains the ca has fallen. Parties, he e representation ber truth, up to this Hous Massachusetts life, seen s whose nativ would have affection, wh their blood taken posses looks and fe of party wh of the furie political eni acter and pi there among ed injuries, may not hal hours than s I need not projects of it withdrawn he alluded. ed petition will not div that day to virulence. All the er ed in sombr ed by sit which some her, would accens of fr is not for Massachusetts ed by indic indulged in now constitu Maine, sir times the in of our coun citizens wer very substi and war, sh wharves and 2222, and 1

The gentleman from Tennessee has spoken at large of the conduct of Massachusetts during the war, but, after all his laborious researches, he has found but one instance in which, even by his own construction, there was any want of promptitude in repelling the enemy; and that was the case of the little town of Brewster. He spoke, somewhat sneeringly, of the contribution levied upon that place; and told us, rather significantly, that if he had been there, he would have met the enemy at the point of the bayonet. Yes, sir, if he had lived in a little village of thirty or forty houses, upon a sandy cape, where three British 74's could, within point blank shot, have poured in their whole batteries, and demolished it at once, he would have stood upon the naked beach and met those 74's, at the point of the bayonet! It would have been a most glorious action! The gentleman spoke of that which he did not understand. Had he known the hardy Concord men as well as I do, he would have known, that there is not, upon this earth, a set of men that meet an enemy more fearlessly than they do. Such were the men who achieved our victories upon the Lakes, and upon the Ocean, and suffered in the prisons of Dartmouth; and I envy not the man who can speak of the conduct of Massachusetts during the war. There was much of it which I never did, and never can approve. But I would not be indiscriminate in our censure.

The gentleman has asserted, that Massachusetts invariably thwarted the General Government, and threw every possible obstacle in its way, and that the U. States derived no aid whatever from Massachusetts! No aid from Massachusetts? Who swept the commerce of the enemy, and paid the customs into your Treasury? Who composed your army on the Niagara frontier? Who manned your ships? Sir, you spread not a sail without the aid of Massachusetts; and scarcely a battle was fought upon the waters, in which her blood did not mingle with the waves. I will say, what I believe, that there is no State in the Union whose citizens contributed more to the glory and success of our arms, during the late war, than did the sons of Massachusetts.

The principles of this bill are most safe for the national treasury. For, however great may have been the expenditures of Massachusetts, no more can be paid to her than it must have cost the United States to have provided for her defence. On the other hand, if her measures were more economical than those of the United States, you derive the whole benefit of that economy; and in point of fact, if the forty-one companies, called for by General Dearborn, had been in service during the two years that the law of 1812 continued in force, it would have cost the United States hundreds of thousands of dollars, and probably more than the whole existing claim. The citizens of Massachusetts and Maine may have suffered by that refusal, their defence not being adequately provided for, but it will be an immense benefit to the national treasury, even when the demand of Massachusetts, with interest, shall be allowed.

I am constrained, sir, to acknowledge that I came to this inquiry with prepossessions against the claim; but careful investigation has convinced me of its justice; and I cannot doubt, that every gentleman who will give to the subject a thorough examination, will come to the same result. This conviction is strengthened, by the fact, that every committee to whom it has been referred, and there have been not less than three, have reported in favour of the claim, and the late President of the United States, who of all men in the National Government, had the best means of understanding it, and certainly had no reason to be unduly biased in its favour, acknowledged its justice, and by repeated messages to Congress, strongly recommended its payment. I hope, then, that it will not be thought indecorous in me to request gentlemen to come to the consideration of this subject unbiased, and to discard whatever of prejudice the excitement of past times may have produced. For prejudice silently and secretly winds its subtle and tenuous web around the mind, until the rays of truth are utterly excluded.

The gentleman from Tennessee has introduced many things wholly foreign from the subject before us. He has even conjured up the ghost of the Hartford Convention, to frighten us on this occasion. Sir, it has no terrors for me.

I feared it not when in full life and vigour. I resisted it then, and have never spoken of it but as deserving decided condemnation. But, what has the Hartford Convention, or our opinions of it, to do with this bill? The services for which it provides were performed in the summer and autumn of 1814, and that Convention had no existence until the winter following. The debt had accrued; the obligation upon the United States to pay it had attached, before that assemblage had being. How, then, are they connected? Is it to be presented as a release and discharge in full of pre-existing debts and obligations.

The gentleman told us that he knew nothing of party during the war. I believe him, sir, and it explains the cause of some of the errors into which he has fallen. If he had known the true character of parties, he never could have taken the unqualified representations of heated partisans for exact and sober truth, upon which to rest an argument addressed to this House. I may say with the gentleman from Massachusetts, (Mr. EVERETT,) that I have, in early life, seen something of parties. I have seen those whose native feelings of pure and ardent benevolence would have bound them together by strongest ties of affection, who would for each other have poured out their blood like water, when the fiend of party had taken possession of their bosoms, meet only with the looks and feelings of demons! I have seen the flame of party which had been lighted up by the firebrands of the furies! Can we take a picture drawn by a political enthusiast, as a true delineation of the character and principles of all his adversaries? Who is there amongst us, that atting under real or supposed injuries, in the exasperation of party contentions, may not have depicted his opponents in darker colours than sober reflection could afterwards approve? I need not follow the gentleman through the mad projects of individual manias, advanced one day, and withdrawn the next, like that of Mr. Low, to which he alluded. I will not follow through the hairbrained petitions and memorials of political fanatics. I will not dive into the mass of newspaper scurrilousness of that day to bring up here the bitter fruits of party virulence.

All the errors of Massachusetts have been portrayed in sombre colours, while her merits have been passed by in silence. Even her early sufferings, without which some of those who are now ready to reproach her, would never have breathed the air or lipped the accents of freedom, seems to be almost forgotten. It is not for me to delineate her character; it belongs to other hands. But since all who were citizens of Massachusetts, during the late war, have been visited by indiscriminate denunciations, I trust I may be indulged in saying a few words for that part which now constitutes my own State.

Maine, sir, under all her sufferings, has been at all times the firm and undeviating supporter of the cause of our country. Although a great portion of her citizens were dependent upon commerce for their very subsistence, yet during embargo, restrictions, and war, she beheld her commerce annihilated; her wharves and her shores desolate; her ships, her produce, and her store-houses, rotting together; her

merchants ruined; her mechanics and sailors reduced from competence to beggary; and misery and want spread through her land; and all without a murmur! She never faltered for a moment; but remained the fearless and unwavering friend of the national government.

During the war—bordering for more than three hundred miles upon the territories of the enemy, and with nearly the same extent of maritime frontier, indented with innumerable bays and inlets, studded with towns and villages, with millions of shipping in her harbours, when the enemy, after pacification in Europe, was enabled to bring his immense forces upon her shores, and was waging a barbarous warfare, ravaging and making incursions into her territory—when dismay went before him, and desolation followed in his train, she was compelled to meet and stay the enemy alone and unassisted. You sent not a soldier to her relief; nay, her own hardy sons, who had volunteered into your service, were not permitted to remain to defend their own houses and their own families, but marched away to the frontiers of New-York, to fight the battles of Chippewa and Niagara. Who composed the Ninth Regiment, which has just been mentioned by the gentleman from Massachusetts, (Mr. DWIGHT,) and which there fought successfully against twice their numbers of British veterans, whilst one half their own number had fallen on the field? That regiment was unequalled except by the Twenty-first. Yes, the Twenty-first, in which fought those whom Ripley first led from the stubborn soil of Maine; which, when the fate of the battle of Niagara stood suspended, or rather, when it was almost decided against you, turned the tide of war, by a movement so desperate, that the commanding general had not even thought of proposing it to any. But Ripley knew his men, and by his order, under the gallant Miller, they ascended an eminence commanded by all the enemy's artillery, and, in the full blaze of their cannon, continued to advance until they cut down the artillerymen at their pieces, and drove the infantry from the position. The British commander, stung to madness by this unexpected defeat, brought, in three successive charges, fresh and redoubled forces to retake the ground. The conflict was man to man, and bayonet to bayonet, the combatants were commingled; the enemy was beaten. It was a contest which, for obstinate and desperate valour, was unequalled, upon land, during the whole war; and the Twenty-first Regiment stands unrivalled. And what return has Maine received? Neglect then, and contumely now. At the close of the war, almost all the officers and soldiers from Maine and Massachusetts were coldly turned out of your service. Those who had been "first in the fight" found no room "at the feast." While clouds lowered around us, and the tempest raged, you called upon them to protect you from its fury; but when peace had returned, and all was fair and calm and safe, their stern and warlike virtues could be dispensed with. Others found more favour in your eyes; perhaps of more supple form and gayer plumage. I could proceed further in this course of remark, but I am unwilling to do so. It is granting to my feelings to be compelled to speak of my own State; and I should not have done so, had not indiscriminate censure been poured forth upon a people whose fidelity and patriotism have been always conspicuous, in spite of privation, and danger, and neglect, and injury. Maine has done her duty to the utmost; but she has not, like some others, trumpeted her merits. She seeks no rewards. She asks no favours. She demands only equal and impartial justice. And I am confident that justice will not be withheld. Its exercise is enjoined upon you by every consideration of moral right and political expediency. Whilst despoils are labouring and combining to prop up their iron thrones, it is our high duty to strengthen and perpetuate our own institutions, as the best service we can render to ourselves and to mankind. To this, and we must, on all occasions, seek to cement our union, to bind together all the parts in the bonds of mutual interest, mutual confidence, and mutual affection. One deliberate act of palpable injustice to a State, may chill the warm current of patriotism, and engender distrust and resentment. To adopt the principles which have been advanced in this debate; to punish, stigmatize, and degrade a State, for errors of opinion, must be felt not only as an injury, but as an insult. The wounded spirit will rankle from generation to generation. If you compel the fathers to eat sour grapes, the children's teeth will be set on edge. Reject this novel, this alarming doctrine. Plant not a root of bitterness which may spring up, and rise, and expand, until it covers and darkens all this fair land.

Let me not be misunderstood. In nothing that I have said do I mean any thing like a threat. I despise gasconading every where, and especially on this floor. I know the strong attachment which Maine and Massachusetts cherish towards the National Government, and that they will bear and forbear as long as endurance can be a virtue. I mean only to prevent the disastrous consequences which must flow from the dangerous principles which have been advanced, whenever they shall be adopted, and wherever practically applied.

BANKRUPT ACT. A cheering ray is discernible through the dark cloud that has so long hung over and almost put an end to the hopes of the thousands who have called loudly, again and again, for relief from Congress by the establishment of a Bankrupt Act. A bill for the purpose is now the principal subject before Congress, and as far as a vote of nearly three to one against an indefinite postponement of its consideration is indicative of an earnestness on the part of the members of the Senate that it should pass this session, it is made manifest by their vote on the 28th ult. An act of the kind may yet be passed the present session.

Ins. So great have been the losses incurred by Insurance Companies during the last year, that orders have been issued by a number of them to their agents to discontinue issuing policies. The truth is, that the rates of insurance, which have been represented as giving great profits to the companies, have been much below the actual risk. The rates must be raised.—Already have the Boston and New-York companies raised upon their fifty per cent. Mutual Insurance Companies might be beneficial, if their premium securities were equal to the risk; but, on calculation, it will be found that the premium secured for six years is not adequate to the probable loss. A single fire in a village may, the first year, burn up the entire amount of premiums secured by note or otherwise in one company; and where is the insurance for the remaining five years? In this case, the insurer would be obliged to pay his whole amount of premium with no insurance five-sixths of the term.

Perhaps not one man in twenty feels himself willing or able to insure even when the premium is less than the actual risk; and when a person is burnt out who has no insurance, applica-

tion is made for charitable donations, not less to those who have insured and paid their tax, than to those who have not insured. This is unreasonable—it is not equal; for if the man insured should ask charity, he would obtain nothing—even if his loss be much greater than the amount insured, he could scarcely expect sympathy from his fellow citizens. No man who can afford it, and who may lose the greater part of his property or so much as may embarrass him at any one fire, should delay making insurance for a single day. If he thinks the profits made by the incorporated stock companies to be greater than the actual risk, he should insure at the Mutual companies, where he will incur no more than his actual proportion of the loss and expense, except indeed it shall not be considered equal that isolated buildings should share in the risk of compact villages.

N. H. Patriot.

FOR THE OBSERVER.
MR. PRINTER.—If you will give the following letter a place in your paper, you will oblige
A Friend and Subscriber.

DEAR SIR: In compliance with your request, I have taken some pains of late to inquire into the subject of *Peace Societies*, concerning which much curiosity in this section appears to be excited. I am convinced that such Societies, if formed upon correct principles, will have a tendency to produce the most desirable consequences.—So far as they are calculated to direct the current of popular opinion against that tyrant spirit, that diabolical thirst for warlike renown which caused an Alexander to sigh for more worlds to conquer; which raised Bonaparte to his blood-stained throne, over the ruins of half mankind—specimens of which are now too prevalent in the world.—So far as it is the object of them to annihilate this unchristian like spirit, every friend to humanity must desire its advancement. Every man who wishes for the improvement of his condition, must rejoice at the progress of any institution that may hasten the approach of the happy era when the Nations of the earth shall be united in one universal society of uninterrupted "peace and good will." But this is an event, which, it is feared, that some of the leaders of this *Peace System* have not in view, or, if they have, are not taking proper measures to produce. The doctrine, that, if one Nation would never make take up arms; throw aside all preparations even for defensive war; other nations would follow the example; that, if we would discover no disposition to resist, none would invade us, is dangerous—a doctrine that exposes our land of freedom to the devouring grasp of ambitious Kings. Did not Washington observe, that if we would preserve peace, we must prepare for war? And will a wiser man than Washington; a better friend to his country and the happiness of all mankind, rise up, and endeavor to prove the contrary? Let him first prove that if we would not fasten our doors, never a thief would be disposed to enter our house; that the traveller, while unprepared for defence, is in less danger of being robbed; or that the less means we possess of protecting our rights, the more secure they will remain. Were it not for the fear of resistance, where is the crowned head that would not study out some right to possess him of so great and fair a portion of the earth as this heaven-favoured country presents to his view?

I am a friend to Peace—I lament the horrors of war—I shudder at the idea of ever having occasion to shed human blood—But when, my life, or liberty which is equally dear to me, are attacked, I will fight to defend them, and, extend Heaven for success. God grant that such an occasion may never occur; that the spirit of offensive war may no more prevail; that the glorious period may arrive, dim as it is now in prospect, when no one shall be disposed to molest his neighbour; when pride, and envy, and avarice shall cease to reign in the hearts of men, and when all Nations shall enlist under the peaceful banner of the King of Kings.—Then, and not till then, we may safely throw down our weapons of defence—our lives and liberties will be secure without them.

Yours, &c.

Married.
In this town, by Rev. James Hooper, Mr. Benjamin F. Crawford to Miss Sophia Harris.

Died.
In Norway, Mr. EMERSON CORN, aged 67 years.—He was an unwavering believer in the *Abrahamic Faith*; and, during a distressing sickness, perfectly resigned to the Divine will. Even enemies to the doctrine which he professed to believe, were constrained to acknowledge that this *Universalist* was a good and happy man.

PARIS HOTEL.

THE subscriber respectfully informs his Friends and the Public, that he has opened a *HOTEL* on Paris Hill, in the House recently occupied by Mr. SIMON NOTUS, and solicits a share of public patronage. He flatters himself that by his unremitting exertions and attention to make the stay of gentlemen pleasant and agreeable. His Bar will be furnished at all times with the best of *LIQUORS*—and his Table spread with every thing which can reasonably be expected in the country.

Paris, May 3, 1826.
N. B.—His Stable has good accommodations for HORSES, where they will receive the best care and attention.

TICKETS! TICKETS!!
THE Cumberland and Oxford Canal Lottery will be drawn in a few days.—Tickets and Parts for sale as usual at the *Oxford Bookstore*—where all who are in want of the "needful" are respectfully invited to call.
May 18.

NOTICE.
THE subscriber hereby gives notice that he has contracted with the town of *Livermore*, to provide for and take care of the Poor of said town, as well those who are supported in the town as those who are or may become chargeable elsewhere, for the year ensuing.—He therefore forbids all persons furnishing any Pauper of said town on his account, as he has made ample provision for their support at his House in *Livermore*, where all persons may apply.
ROBERT HAYES.
Livermore, April 3, 1826. 97

COMMISSIONERS' NOTICE.
THE subscribers having been appointed by the Hon. BENJAMIN CHANDLER, Judge of Probate, of Wills, &c. within and for the County of Oxford, Commissioners to receive and examine the Claims of the several Creditors to the estate of JACOB ELLENWOOD, late of Bethel, in said County, Cordwainer; deceased, represented insolvent—hereby give public notice, that six months are allowed from the second day of May instant, to said Creditors to bring in and prove their claims—and that they will attend them for that purpose at the late Dwelling-house of the deceased, in Bethel, on the afternoons of the first Tuesday in June next, the first Tuesday in August next, the first Tuesday in October next, at one of the clock in the afternoon of each of those days.
BARBER BARTLETT, } Comm'rs.
JAMES WALKER, }
Bethel, May 7, 1826. 98

COLLECTOR'S NOTICE.
NOTICE is hereby given to the Non-resident Proprietors and Owners of the following lots of LAND, in the town of Peru, in the County of Oxford, and State of Maine, that they are taxed in a Bill committed to me to collect, for the year 1825, which are as follows:

Owner's Name	No. of Lots	Range of Lots	No. of Acres	Value	Tax
Sylvanus Poland, <i>two Acres</i>	13	6	100	25	0.07
Thompson grant, " "	7	8	100	100	1.13
W. Thomas, " "	9	8	100	125	1.42
H. Farewell, " "	13	8	100	100	1.13
H. Farewell, " "	5	9	100	100	1.13
W. Thomas, " "	8	9	100	725	1.49
H. Farewell, " "	9	9	100	160	.68
" "	10	12	100	100	1.13
" "	4	14	100	100	1.13
Henry Molton, " "	16	7	100	100	1.13
H. Farewell, " "	8	10	100	75	.95
F. Walton, <i>Peck's grant</i> , 24				135	1.53
Stockwell, " "	23		100	150	1.69
H. Farewell, <i>Land's grant</i> , 2	3	100	200	2.26	

And unless said Taxes and all necessary intervening charges are paid to me the subscriber, on or before Friday the *Eleventh* day of August next, so much of said Land will be sold at Public Vendue, as will discharge the same, at the Dwelling-house of STEPHEN GAMMON, in said Peru, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.
ROBINSON TURNER, Jr.
Collector of Peru for 1825. 98

PROBATE NOTICES.
At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the second day of May, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and twenty-six—
PHEBE CUMMINGS, Administratrix on the estate of OLIVER CUMMINGS, late of Sumner, deceased, having presented her first account of administration of the estate of said deceased;—likewise her Petition for an allowance out of the personal estate of said deceased:
ORDERED—That the said Administratrix give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this Order to be published three weeks successively in the *Oxford Observer*, printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at the Probate Office, in Paris, in said County, on the second Tuesday of June next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, and shew cause, if any they have, why the same should not be allowed.
BENJAMIN CHANDLER, Judge.
A true Copy: Attest, THOMAS WEBSTER, Register. 97

At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the second day of May, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and twenty-six—
DAVID NOYES, Administrator on the estate of DAVID NOYES, late of Norway, deceased, having presented his third account of administration of the estate of said deceased:
ORDERED—That the said Administrator give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this Order to be published three weeks successively in the *Oxford Observer*, printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at the Probate Office, in Paris, in said County, on the second Tuesday of June next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, and shew cause, if any they have, why the same should not be allowed.
BENJAMIN CHANDLER, Judge.
A true Copy: Attest, THOMAS WEBSTER, Register. 97

At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the second day of May, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and twenty-six—
BARNABAS MYRICK, Executor of the last Will and Testament of STEPHEN LANDERS, late of Hebron, deceased, having presented his first account of administration of the estate of said deceased:
ORDERED—That the said Executor give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this Order to be published three weeks successively in the *Oxford Observer*, printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at the Probate Office, in Paris, in said County, on the second Tuesday of June next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, and shew cause, if any they have, why the same should not be allowed.
BENJAMIN CHANDLER, Judge.
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At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the second day of May, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and twenty-six—
LEVI HUBBARD and SAMUEL STEPHENS, Executors of the last Will and Testament of LEMUEL JACKSON, late of Paris, deceased, having presented their Fifth account of administration of the estate of said deceased:
ORDERED—That the said Executors give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this Order to be published three weeks successively in the *Oxford Observer*, printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at the Probate Office, in Paris, in said County, on the second Tuesday of June next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, and shew cause, if any they have, why the same should not be allowed.
BENJAMIN CHANDLER, Judge.
A true Copy: Attest, THOMAS WEBSTER, Register. 97

POETRY.

FROM THE NEW-ENGLAND GALAXY.

[There is perhaps more "good sound common sense," as Mr. Degrand would say, than poetry, in the following original poem; but as the venerable monitor, who sends it, has also sent his name, leaving us to infer that he takes all responsibility of libels on his own shoulders, we cannot well refuse it an insertion.]

THE LOOKING-GLASS.

Or a description of some female characters to be avoided by youth of both sexes.

Avoid the girl who takes delight
To make an outside show;
With ruffle round her neck so white,
And dirty clothes below.
O! shun the girl with ear-rings fair,
That most important feels;
Who does her shoes at down-heel wear,
With holes in stocking heels.
Despise the girl who wears gold beads,
With skin as white as snow;
While round her neck the sordid seeds
Among the dirt may grow.

Forsake those girls who neat do dress,
And study fashion's art;
To read and write, among the rest,
Do never act a part.

Abhor the girl who in young years
Does study to be gay;
When such in company do appear
They know not what to say.

Detest the girl who likes to race
To fish and carry news;
And lollies round from place to place,
Her betters to abuse.

Turn from the girl who is inclin'd
To curl her locks before;
While in her gay locks creep behind
A half a dozen score.

Reject the girl who spins nor knits—
A lazy, idle daughter;
With gown and petticoat in slits,
Without shoe-strings or garter.

Abandon her who much delights,
And calls it pleasing joys—
To race and ramble round a-nights,
To meet a gang of boys.

Then the next morning lies in bed
To take her morning dose;
And does the broom and wash-tub dread,
With grease spots on her clothes.

Renounce the girl with brawling tongue,
Immodest, vain and bold;
Such are abhor'd by old and young,
And make a hated scold.

Esteem not her whose scornful eyes
Appear to shew deceit;
Who good instruction does despise,
Nor watch at wisdom's gate.

Retire from her who does refuse
Her parents to obey;
And does the ways of folly choose
To waste her time away.

Admire not her who does appear
At church to gaze about;
While what does enter at one ear
The other soon lets out.

'Tis such as those, with mournful sighs,
May say, perhaps too late,
"How did our hearts reproach despise,
Our souls instruction hate."

Doubtless some females these may read—
'Tis hoped there many be
Can say, "No character indeed,
Here wrote, compares to me."

Barre ————— S ———

THE OLIO.

LOVE LETTER.

My charmer I love
I take this opportunity to let you no that I am
desperately in love with you and as father sez I am old
enough for to be married and as mother sez that help is
dear why I cant help thinkin that If you an i could
set our bosss to gethir we mite doo as well as most
fokes who cant do no better An as you No I me a
Plane spokken parson an not yused For to write—
Billydoes—or any sich like things An cant sa no puty
this About Darts an Haris an Kewpid an other
Marters of that Nater I shall truss intirely For your
generosity an subscribe Myself Loveli lucee as wour
tru lover an sincere frind til deth. Ruin blujoint.
mis lucee lovli.

A certain Surgeon Dentist was called upon by a
person of great maxillary dimensions, for his assistance
to dislodge a tooth, which had begun to faise
a mutiny among its nerves. The patient being seated
on the floor, so as to accommodate his length to
that of the doctor, began to open his mouth, nearly
in manner and form of an old fashioned fall-back
chair; and the astonished operator, who stood before
him, fearing there might be a second edition of
Jonah, exclaimed with terror in his countenance,
"you need not extend your jaws any further, for I
intend to stand on the outside while I extract the
tooth."

A certain farmer and his dame, possessed of more
wealth than wit, placed their two daughters in a
seminary established for finishing the education of
young ladies. After considerable time had elapsed,
the farmer's spouse waited on the mistress of the
school to hear her report, which proved to be tolerably
satisfactory, excepting as regarded their progress in
the musical department, in which the pains of the
instructress bestowed on one of the pupils proved
entirely fruitless. The governess honestly dissuaded the
good dame from a perseverance in that branch of education,
and candidly told her, that the young lady
had no capacity for it. This friendly advice, however,
failed in its intended effect; for the sagacious advocate
for a good education, bridling herself up, and
placing her arms a-kimbo, replied with great vehemence,
"Madam, don't tell me about capacity when I
don't spare expense; and I desires you will get her
one immediately!"

In a bill, sent for the Royal approbation from the
Irish Parliament, in 1794, intending to limit the privilege
of franking, a clause stated, "That should any
member be unable to write, he might authorize any
other person to frank for him, provided, that on the
back of the letter so franked, the member gives a
certificate under his own hand, of his inability to write."

When the present Lord Eldon brought in his bill for
restraining the liberty of the press, a member moved
as an additional clause, that all anonymous works
should have the name of the author printed on the
first page.

FOR SALE,

A FARM, situated in the lower part of Bethel,
containing 100 Acres of Land—of which about
35 is under improvement, with a Small House and
Snead adjoining—a good Barn and two Wells of water,
one at the House and the other at the Barn; and
about 50 young APPLE TREES beginning to bear—
The above property will be sold cheap.—For further
particulars inquire of the subscriber on the premises.
April 27. URBAN SHOREY.

COMMISSIONERS' NOTICE.

THE subscribers having been appointed by the
Hon. BENJAMIN CHANDLER, Esq. Judge of Probate,
&c. for the County of Oxford, to receive and
examine the Claims of the Creditors to the estate of
STACY D. KNOX, late of Livermore, in said County,
deceased, represented insolvent—do hereby give notice,
that six months from the 28th day of March, A. D. 1826,
are allowed to said Creditors to bring in
and prove their claims—and that they will attend
that service at the Dwelling-house of Jesse Stone
in said Livermore, on the first Mondays of June, August
and September, from one to six o'clock P. M. on
each of said days. JESSE STONE, Comm'r.
WM. WYMAN, Comm'r.

Livermore, April 24, 1826. 96

COLLECTOR'S NOTICE.....Hebron.

NOTICE is hereby given to the Non-resident Owners
of the following Lots of LAND, situated in
Hebron, in the County of Oxford, that they are taxed
in the bills committed to me the subscriber, to collect,
for the years 1824 and 1825—and also for
School-House Tax in District No. 17, for 1825, as follows,
to wit—

Proprietors.	No. of Lots.	Range.	Value.	Jan. 1825.	Jan. 1826.
Jacob Pike,	1	50	150	1	23
Charles Pike,	2	17	51	42	
Sam. Meguire & Co.	100	225	1	85	
Jona. & Wm. Wardwell,	250	500	4	11	
Joseph Johnson & Co.	50	100		82	
1825.					
Ephraim Briggs,	5	1	14	32	30
Jacob Parsons,	2	21	63	45	
Charles Pike,	4	17	51	37	
John Pike,	100	318	2	29	
Joseph Bartlett,	50	112	81		
Jona. & Peter Wardwell,	51	127	91		
Joseph Johnson & Co.	50	100	72		
Isaac Washburn,	9	160	1	15	

School-House Tax 1825, District No. Seventeen.

Joel Robinson, 32 60
S. Ames, 1 50
John Pike, 5 94
Ichabod Bartlett, 1 58
Ephraim Briggs, 95

Unless said Taxes and all necessary intervening
charges are paid to me the subscriber, on or before
Monday the twenty-first day of August next, at ten of
the clock A. M. so much of said land will then be sold
at Public Vendue, as will discharge the same, at the
House of CYRUS SHAW, Esq. landholder in Hebron.

Hebron, May 2, 1826. 96

COLLECTOR'S NOTICE.....No. Four, now Carthage.

NOTICE is hereby given to the Proprietors of the
Lands hereinafter mentioned, in the town of
Carthage, (formerly called Number Four,) County of
Oxford, and State of Maine, that the same are taxed
in the bills committed to me the subscriber, for collection,
for the State, County, Plantation, and School-
house Taxes, for 1824 and 1825, in the respective
sums following, viz:

Proprietors.	No. of Lots.	Range.	Value.	S. & C. Plant. o	S. & C. Plant. o	S. & C. Plant. o
A. Austin,	2	9	160	80	40	57
Unknown,	2	12	160	80	40	57
A. Austin,	3	9	160	80	40	57
Maxwell,	3	17	50	75	37	54
A. Knights,	7	14	218	109	54	78
Stanwood,	8	11	160	120	60	85
Harlow,	4	11	160	160	80	114

Unless said Taxes and all necessary intervening
charges are paid to me the subscriber, on or before
Monday the twenty-eighth day of August next, so
much of said Land as will satisfy the same, will then
be sold at Public Auction, at the Dwelling-house of
JONAS BOWLERS, in said Carthage, at ten of the clock
in the forenoon of said day.

Carthage, April 26, 1826. 96

COLLECTOR'S NOTICE.....Weld.

NOTICE is hereby given to the Proprietors of the
Lands hereinafter mentioned in the town of
Weld, County of Oxford, and State of Maine, that
the same are taxed in the bills committed to me the
subscriber, for collection, for the State, County, and
Town Taxes, for 1825, in the respective sums following,
to wit—

Proprietors.	No. of Lots.	Range.	Value.	Stock, County, and o	Stock, County, and o	Stock, County, and o
Eastman,	9	6	150	150	77	
Nath'l Hager,	2	13	80	51	77	
Leonard, E. part,	2	14	70	55	82	
Murch,	2	15	67	30	45	

Unless said Taxes and all necessary intervening
charges are paid to me the subscriber, on or before
Tuesday the twenty-ninth day of August next, so much
of said land as will satisfy the same will then be sold
at Public Auction, at my Dwelling-house in said
Weld, at eleven of the clock in the forenoon of said
day. EPHRAIM HAUGHTON, Collector.

Weld, April 29, 1826. 96

JUST PUBLISHED,

AND FOR SALE

at the Oxford Bookstore,

A TREATISE on the Union, Affinity, and
Consanguinity between Christ and his
Church.

"And he is the head of the body, the Church, who
is the beginning, the first born from the dead, &c. &c.
And (having made peace through the blood of his
cross) by him to reconcile all things to himself. &c. &c.
For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to
God by the death of his Son much more being reconciled
to him, we shall be saved by his life."

It is hoped that all who are friendly to the doctrine
of the final salvation of the whole human family, will
purchase for themselves a copy of this valuable work.
Price—only 37 1-2 cents. Paris, April 5.

PROBATE NOTICES.

THE subscriber hereby gives public notice to all
concerned, that he has been duly appointed and
taken upon himself the trust of Administrator on the
estate of
LYMAN RAWSON.

late of Paris, in the County of Oxford, Esquire, deceased,
by giving bond as the law directs—he therefore
requests all persons who are indebted to the said
deceased's estate to make immediate payment; and
those who have any demands thereon to exhibit the
same to
Paris, March 28, 1826. 96

THE subscriber hereby gives public notice to all
concerned, that he has been duly appointed and
taken upon himself the trust of Administrator on the
estate of
SIMEON POND.

late of Paris, in the County of Oxford, Yeoman, deceased,
by giving bond as the law directs—he therefore
requests all persons who are indebted to the said
deceased's estate to make immediate payment; and
those who have any demands thereon to exhibit the
same to
Paris, May 2, 1826. 96

THE subscriber hereby gives public notice to all
concerned, that he has been duly appointed and
taken upon himself the trust of Executor of the last
Will and Testament of
VERRES GREENWOOD.

late of Hebron, in the County of Oxford, Yeoman, deceased,
by giving bond as the law directs—he therefore
requests all persons who are indebted to the said
deceased's estate to make immediate payment; and
those who have any demands thereon, to exhibit the
same to
Hebron, May 2, 1826. 96

THE subscriber hereby gives public notice to all
concerned, that he has been duly appointed and
taken upon himself the trust of Administrator on the
estate of
LEVI BEARCE, Jun.

late of Hebron, in the County of Oxford, Yeoman, deceased,
by giving bond as the law directs—he therefore
requests all persons who are indebted to the said
deceased's estate to make immediate payment; and
those who have any demands thereon to exhibit the
same to
Hebron, May 2, 1826. 96

THE subscriber hereby gives public notice to all
concerned, that he has been duly appointed and
taken upon himself the trust of Administrator on the
estate of
ADAM COTTON.

late of Hebron, in the County of Oxford, deceased,
by giving bond as the law directs—he therefore
requests all persons who are indebted to the said
deceased's estate to make immediate payment; and
those who have any demands thereon, to exhibit the
same to
Norway, May 2, 1826. 96

THE subscriber hereby gives public notice to all
concerned, that he has been duly appointed and
taken upon himself the trust of Administrator on the
estate of
JOHN WARREN.

late of Buckfield, in the County of Oxford, Gentleman, deceased,
by giving bond as the law directs—he therefore
requests all persons who are indebted to the said
deceased's estate to make immediate payment; and
those who have any demands thereon, to exhibit the
same to
Sumner, May 2, 1826. 96

THE subscriber hereby gives public notice to all
concerned, that he has been duly appointed and
taken upon himself the trust of Executor of the last
Will and Testament of
HEZEKIAH BRYANT.

late of Turner, in the County of Oxford, Yeoman, deceased,
by giving bond as the law directs—he therefore
requests all persons who are indebted to the said
deceased's estate to make immediate payment; and
those who have any demands thereon to exhibit the
same to
Turner, May 2, 1826. 96

At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for
the County of Oxford, on the second day of May, in
the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and twenty-six—

REBECCA P. LYFORD, Administratrix on the
estate of FRANKLYN LYFORD, 2d., late of
Livermore, deceased, having presented her First account
of administration of the estate of said deceased:

ORDERED—That the said Administratrix give notice
to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this
Order to be published three weeks successively in the
Oxford Observer, printed at Paris, that they may appear
at a Probate Court to be held at Rumford, in said
County, on the second Tuesday of September next,
at ten of the clock in the forenoon, and shew cause,
if any they have, why the same should not be allowed.

BENJ. CHANDLER, Judge.
A true Copy: Attest, THOMAS WEBSTER, Register. 97

At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for
the County of Oxford, on the second day of May, in
the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and twenty-six—

EENEZER BARTLETT, Administrator on the
estate of SILAS POWERS, late of Howard's
Gore, deceased, having presented his First account
of administration of the estate of said deceased:

ORDERED—That the said Administrator give notice
to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this
Order to be published three weeks successively in the
Oxford Observer, printed at Paris, that they may appear
at a Probate Court to be held at Rumford, in said
County, on the second Tuesday of September next,
at ten of the clock in the forenoon, and shew cause,
if any they have, why the same should not be allowed.

BENJ. CHANDLER, Judge.
A true Copy: Attest, THOMAS WEBSTER, Register. 97

To the Hon. Judge of the Court of Probate,
within and for the County of Oxford.

THE undersigned, heirs and representatives of
heirs in the estate of STEPHEN ROBINSON,
late of Paris, in said County, Yeoman, deceased, request
that the Hon. Court aforesaid would order that the
Real Estate of said Robinson be divided among
said heirs, so that each one may hold and possess his
respective share in severalty.

PAULINA ROBINSON,
STEPHEN BLAKE,
JOSEPH WALKER,
DANIEL STOWELL, Jr.,
LEVI STOWELL, Guardian to ELVIRA, ADELINA,
HARRIET and JANE ROBINSON.

At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for
the County of Oxford, on the second day of May, in
the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and twenty-six—

UPON the foregoing Petition, ORDERED—That the
Petitioners give notice to all persons interested, by
causing a copy of said Petition with this Order thereon
to be published three weeks successively in the
Oxford Observer, printed at Paris, that they may appear
at a Probate Court to be held at the Probate Office,
in Paris, on the second Tuesday of June next,
and shew cause, if any they have, why the prayer of
the Petitioners should not be granted.

BENJAMIN CHANDLER, Judge.
A true Copy of the Petition and Order of Court
thereon. Attest, THOMAS WEBSTER, Register.

PROBATE NOTICES.

At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for
the County of Oxford, on the second day of May, in
the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and twenty-six—

THOMAS CLARK, Administrator on the estate of
SETH BENSON, late of Paris, deceased, having
presented his second account of administration of
the estate of said deceased:

ORDERED—That the said Administrator give notice
to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this
Order to be published three weeks successively in
the Oxford Observer, printed at Paris, that they
may appear at a Probate Court to be held at the Probate
Office, in Paris, in said County, on the second
Tuesday of June next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon,
and shew cause, if any they have, why the same
should not be allowed.

BENJAMIN CHANDLER, Judge.
A true Copy: Attest, THOMAS WEBSTER, Register.

At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for
the County of Oxford, on the second day of May, in
the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and twenty-six—

THOMAS CLARK, Administrator, de bonis novis,
on the estate of LUTHER PRATT, late of
Paris, deceased, having presented his second account
of administration of the estate of said deceased:

ORDERED—That the said Administrator give notice
to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this
Order, to be published three weeks successively in
the Oxford Observer, printed at Paris, that they may
appear at a Probate Court to be held at the Probate
Office, in Paris, in said County, on the second Tuesday
of June next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon,
and shew cause, if any they have, why the same
should not be allowed.

BENJAMIN CHANDLER, Judge.
A true Copy: Attest, THOMAS WEBSTER, Register.

At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for
the County of Oxford, on the second day of May, in
the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and twenty-six—

LUTHER CARY, of Turner, in said County, Esq.,
named Executor in a certain Instrument purporting
to be the last Will and Testament of BENJAMIN
EVANS, late of Turner, in said County,
Gentleman, deceased, having presented the same for
Probate:

ORDERED—That the said Luther Cary give notice
to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this
Order to be published three weeks successively in the
Oxford Observer, printed at Paris, that they may appear
at a Probate Court to be held at the Probate Office,
in Paris, in said County, on the second Tuesday of
June next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, and
shew cause, if any they have, why the said Instrument
should not be proved, approved, and allowed as
the last Will and Testament of said deceased.

BENJAMIN CHANDLER, Judge.
A true Copy: Attest, THOMAS WEBSTER, Register.

At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for
the County of Oxford, on the second day of May, in
the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and twenty-six—

NATHANIEL ROBINSON and AARON SOULI,
Executors of the last Will and Testament of
LEVI MERRILL, late of Turner, deceased, having
presented their First account of administration of the
estate of said deceased:

ORDERED—That the said Executors give notice
to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this
Order to be published three weeks successively in the
Oxford Observer, printed at Paris, that they may appear
at a Probate Court to be held at the Probate Office,
in Paris, in said County, on the second Tuesday of
June next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, and
shew cause, if any they have, why the same should not
be allowed.

BENJAMIN CHANDLER, Judge.
A true Copy: Attest, THOMAS WEBSTER, Register. 97

At a Court of Probate holden at Paris, within
and for the County of Oxford, on the second day of
May, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and
twenty-six—

ON the Petition of JOSHUA WHITMAN, Admin-
istrator of the estate of SAMUEL GORHAM,
late of Turner, in said County, deceased, representing
that the personal estate of said deceased is not
sufficient to pay the just debts, which he owed at
the time of his death by the sum of nine hundred dollars
and fifty-four cents—and praying for a license to sell
and convey so much of the real estate of said deceased
as may be necessary for the payment of said debts
and incidental charges:

ORDERED—That the Petitioner give notice thereof
to the heirs of said deceased and to all persons interested
in said estate, by causing a copy of this Order
to be published in the Oxford Observer, printed in Paris,
in said County, three weeks successively, that they
may appear at a Probate Court to be held at the
Probate Office, in Paris, on the second Tuesday
of June next, at ten o'clock A. M. and shew cause, if
any they have, why the prayer of said Petition should
not be granted.

BENJ. CHANDLER, Judge.
A true Copy: Attest, THOMAS WEBSTER, Register.

At a Court of Probate holden at Paris, within
and for the County of Oxford, on the second day of
May, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and
twenty-six—

ON the Petition of ELISHA BISBEE, Jr. Adminis-
trator of the estate of DANIEL BISBEE, late
of Sumner, in said County, Yeoman, deceased, representing
that the personal estate of said deceased is not
sufficient to pay the just debts, which he owed at
the time of his death by the sum of two hundred
and eight dollars and nine cents—and praying for a
license to sell and convey so much of the real estate
of said deceased as may be necessary for the payment
of said debts and incidental charges:

ORDERED—That the Petitioner give notice thereof
to the heirs of said deceased and to all persons interested
in said estate, by causing a copy of this Order
to be published in the Oxford Observer, printed in Paris,
in said County, three weeks successively, that they
may appear at a Probate Court to be held at the
Probate Office, in Paris, on the second Tuesday of
June next, at ten o'clock A. M. and shew cause, if any
they have, why the prayer of said Petition should
not be granted.

BENJAMIN CHANDLER, Judge.
A true Copy: Attest, THOMAS WEBSTER, Register. 97

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